

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: March 3, 2014
7:36 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

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

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

Absent: Todd Staub, David Trettel

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 Ms. Cindy Huber, President. Ms. Huber noted that seven Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Lombardo presented the 2014-2015 Proposed York Adams Academy General Operating Budget for discussion, noting no increase for the 6th year in a row. There is a moderate increase expected for 2015-2016. Spring Grove has 12 available slots with YAA and enrollment fluctuates. The board will consider approval of the YAA budget at the March 17 voting meeting.

George Ioannidis noted a network upgrade and desktop hardware upgrades are likely to become necessary in the near future. Due to the age of existing hardware and previous technology lease budget cuts, computer systems are not upgradable and regular operation of programs is presenting a problem. Ioannidis noted this to be an opportune time to introduce a virtual desktop environment, which is hardware independent. The Tech Department is currently investigating options, and a comprehensive upgrade plan will be presented to the board at the April DSF. Dr. Lombardo noted the likelihood of using some of the fund balance to cover costs.

Ioannidis presented the 2014-2015 Proposed General Operating Budget for review and discussion, noting an approximate \$1 million decrease in the current year’s deficit based upon adjustments in current tax revenues and salary/budgetary reserve expenditures. Ioannidis gave updated projections for 2014-15, reviewed the actual fund balance history from 2010-11 through proposed 2014-15, and shared additional budgetary considerations with the board. Revenue from the sale of the former Spring Grove Elementary to River Rock will go to the Capital Reserve Fund. Sindlinger noted savings due to attrition are not a comprehensive strategy to address the deficit. Dr. Lombardo noted the administration will begin to review strategic planning for future budgets as early as the May discussion meeting. Proposed final adoption is slated for the April DSF meeting, and includes deciding the anticipated millage rate.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Karyn Brown, Director of Pupil Services, presented an overview of the July 2014 – June 2017 Special Ed Plan. Brown summarized program totals, changes in program over the previous Special Ed Plan, strengths and highlights, as well as professional development areas within the district. The Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee will meet March 18, 2014 to review the information, also to be posted for public review. The board will again review the plan at the April DSF and consider approval at the April 21 voting meeting. The Plan will go into action in July 2014, following PDE's approval.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Renaut introduced Tim Bupp, Music Instructor, to discuss proposed revisions to the Summer Music Program. The Music Department is proposing to amend the existing five to six week series of individual music lessons, to a one-week camp format slated for July 14-17, 2014. Bupp noted the program tailors to what parents and students are asking for and the costs will be included in the fee structure for each participant. The board will consider approval of the revised program at the March 17 voting meeting.

Brent Hoschar presented a change to the Rocket Launch Major Trip Proposal presented and approved in February. The board will consider approval of the modifications at the March 17 voting meeting.

Dr. Lombardo commented on the success of the High School Musical, Willy Wonka, noting the district experienced its largest crowd ever, with more than 2,700 people attending, and selling more than 2,000 chocolate bars. Lombardo stated both the play and the chocolate were very good.

Cable moved for adjournment at 8:20 PM. Sindlinger seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary