

The Spring Grove Area School District Board of Directors met for its regular session on Monday, March 17, 2014. This meeting was held in the Board Room of the Spring Grove Area Educational Services Center, 100 East College Avenue, Spring Grove, PA. Cindy Huber, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Student members of the Intermediate School Jazz Band, joined by Kyle Showalter, Middle/High School Music Instructor, opened with the National Anthem, directed by Tim Bupp, Elementary Music Instructor. 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, Emily Sindlinger, Douglas Stein, Todd Staub, David Trettel and Douglas White present, with Stacy Meyer absent due to personal reasons. There were no executive sessions held since the last sunshine meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Lombardo, Superintendent, stated March is “Music in our Schools” month, and introduced Tim Bupp and band students to play a selection entitled “G Force Five.” Bupp noted approximately 30 students in attendance out of more than 100 enrolled in the elementary band program, and thanked board members for supporting the District’s Music Program. Lombardo thanked Mr. Bupp and students for coming.

Dr. Lombardo indicated March is also Student Art Month, and introduced Troy Smith, High School Art Instructor to present a display of art work completed by students of the High School. Smith noted a number of pieces are currently part of ongoing competitions; he stated among his senior art students, five are slated to receive more than \$258,000 in scholarships, and he thanked board members for their support of the art program.

Dr. Lombardo shared High School student athletes of the month Zack Clingan, recognized as district champion in wrestling the most wins of any wrestler in Spring Grove history, and Haley Staub, who finished highest of all swimmers at districts. Lombardo noted Miss Staub also authored an article printed in the York Daily Record about Mark Prusakowski, a high school student who wrote and published a book.

George Ioannidis distributed a memo and spreadsheet highlighting results of six transportation proposals received following the district’s second RFP request. The administration will continue the review process and prepare a summary to present to the board for further discussion on April 7, 2014. Completion of the selection process is tentative for the April 21 voting meeting.

Andrew Moul, Student Representative, shared a report of happenings at each building level over the previous month, which included a Dr. Seuss birthday celebration at the Elementary level and Career Week, among others. The District Mock Trial team came in as one of the top 16 across the state. The annual Middle School Mini-Thon is scheduled for Sat. April 5<sup>th</sup>. Moul thanked board members for support of extracurricular activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Sherry, Paradise Township resident and member of the Spring Grove Objector Driver Group, shared a handout with board members and explained the group’s origin and activity, highlighted rigorous mechanical requirements for Durham busses to pass daily safety inspections, and listed other safety practices and awareness initiatives conducted by Durham for drivers.

Deanna Woodward, North Codorus Township, shared a letter from Dennis Altland; Woodward stated her concern for student safety and said the medical condition of drivers should be checked as well as the mechanical operations of busses.

Stevi Ennis, Heidelberg Township and Durham driver, encouraged the board and administration to select a local bus contractor vs. one that is operated from a headquarters other than the US. Ennis stated that she questions Durham's adherence to the current contract and thanked the school board for considering a right decision.

Julie Myers, Seven Valleys Borough resident and Durham driver, encouraged the board to consider children's safety when selecting a transportation contract.

Ryan Grogg, Spring Grove Borough resident, ran calculations of proposals received and estimated a district savings of approximately \$650,000 by selecting the contractor presenting the lowest figure.

Dr. Lombardo reminded the board and audience members that numbers indicated on handouts are preliminary and the process to finalize a transportation contract will take time.

Cindy Huber thanked everyone who addressed the board and noted no further discussion of transportation would take place during the remainder of the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Huber noted receipt of correspondence from PDE regarding Plancon Part K, Project Refinancing. The Department approved the issuance of General Obligation Note, Series of 2014, to advance refund a portion of GOB Series B of 2009. Huber also noted the 2014 Business and Career Expo at the High School is scheduled for March 31; a letter giving details was available at board members' seats.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Todd Staub stated SB1281 is up for consideration, noting the bill will give schools the discretion of counting school days in hours rather than days and will provide them the option of rescheduling instructional days one Saturday per month. Legislation will also be introduced to refinance \$9 billion in unfunded pension liability through pension obligation bonds.

Dr. Lombardo noted that after the threat of inclement winter weather has passed, the administration will determine the schedule for seniors. At present, graduation is still firm for May 30.

**YORK ADAMS ACADEMY**

No report.

**YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**

Dave Trettel reported the most recent YCST Operating Committee Meeting was held on February 27, 2014. 12 of 14 member districts have approved the 2014-15 proposed YAA budget, enough to satisfy requirements.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Staub moved and White seconded the approval of the following minutes: Regular Voting Meeting, February 17, 2014; Voting Meeting, March 3, 2014; and Directors' Study Forum, March 3, 2014. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Eric Cable presented the Treasurer's Report for month ending February 28, 2014.

2. Cable moved and Trettel seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report, with a change noted in the minutes to adjust the Capital Reserve total. 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.
  - B. Approval of the General Operating Budget for the York Adams Academy for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, with revenues totaling \$703,907, expenditures of \$866,230 (0% tuition increase for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year), with the difference of \$162,323 to be funded by the projected available Fund Balance.

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

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

4. Following a report of the Policy Committee’s recommendations read by Emily Sindlinger, Sindlinger moved and Hoschar seconded the following:
  - A. Approval of a second reading for the following policies:
    - 1) Policy No. 011: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES, Board Governance / Standard Code of Conduct
    - 2) Policy No. 706: PROPERTY, Property Records (*revision*)
  - B. Approval of the High School Administration and Superintendent’s recommendation that the Agreement, Waiver, and Stipulation, numbered 013 and dated March 14, 2014, be approved as documented.

Stein requested a separate vote on item A.1.

Vote by roll call on item A.1 of Policy resulted in the motion carrying, with Staub, Hoschar, Cable, White, Trettel, Sindlinger and Huber voting in favor. Stein voted against.

Vote by roll call on remaining items of Policy resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by board members.

5. Following a report of the Personnel Committee’s recommendations read by Doug Stein, Stein moved and Trettel seconded the following:
  - A. Approval of the following resignation:
    - 1) Middle School Custodian – Cheryl Sprenkle, effective June 30, 2014, due to retirement.
  - B. Approval of the following requests for family and medical leave:
    - 1) High School Special Education Instructor – Edel Pfisterer, beginning August 18, 2014, not to exceed the 12-week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for childrearing.
    - 2) Middle School Special Education Instructor – Elysia Ehrich, beginning approximately May 14, 2014, not to exceed the 12-week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for childrearing.

- C. Approval of the following request for uncompensated leave:
  - 1) Intermediate School Learning Support Aide – Denise Fink, extension request from February 27, 2014 until the end of the school year, for restoration of health.
  
- D. Approval of the following appointments:
  - 1) Head Boys’ Lacrosse Coach – Clifford Gordon, for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation to be established at \$2,540.00 per the agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 2) Head Junior High Track and Field Coach – Brian Link, for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation to be established at \$1,850.00 per the agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 3) Competition Cheerleading Coach – Janelle Newark, for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation to be established following a successful negotiated agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 4) High School Football Cheerleading Coach – Janelle Newark, for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation to be established following a successful negotiated agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 5) High School Wrestling Cheerleading Coach – Janelle Newark, for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation to be established following a successful negotiated agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 6) Piloted Strength and Conditioning Coach – Brett Swope, effective March 18, 2014, for a period of one year, with total compensation established at \$25.00 per hour.
  
- E. Approval of the following transfers:
  - 1) Head Field Hockey Coach – Sarah Enoff, from Assistant Field Hockey Coach, to Head Field Hockey Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation to be established following a successful negotiated agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 2) Head Boys’ Soccer Coach – Andrew Coy, from Head Girls’ Soccer Coach, to Head Boys’ Soccer Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation to be established following a successful negotiated agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  - 3) Head Girls’ Soccer Coach – Lindsey Lauer, from Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach, to Head Girls’ Soccer Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation to be established following a successful negotiated agreement between Spring Grove Area School District and Spring Grove Education Association.
  
- F. Approval of the following classified substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year at the hourly rate approved in the Classified Wage & Salary Guidelines:
  - 1) Kristin Yeager-Adams
  - 2) Sharon Slagel
  - 3) Barbara Valencia

G. Approval of the following professional substitute for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$95.00 per day and \$110.00 per day beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> day cumulative:

- 1) Jennifer Mondorff – Elementary

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

**PROGRAM REPORT:**

6. Following a report of the Curriculum Committee’s recommendations read by Brent Hoschar, Hoschar moved and Sindlinger seconded the following:

- A. Approval for the Student Launch Initiative (SLI) Team (approximately nine high school students), along with Brian Hastings and Renee Eaton, High School Science Teachers, to travel to Prince, Maryland on April 12-13, 2014.
- B. Authorization for the Music Department to conduct a self-supporting, one-week Summer Music Camp at the Spring Grove Area High School, for Spring Grove students, July 14-17, 2014.

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

Sindlinger moved and White seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis  
Business Manager/Board Secretary