

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: May 5, 2014
7:08 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

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

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

Absent:

The Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:08 PM by Ms. Cindy Huber, President. Huber noted nine Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Renaut, Assistant Superintendent, introduced teachers to present brief comments concerning the revision of curriculum for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Technology and World Language. Renaut noted most changes were necessary to transition from Pennsylvania Academic Standards to Pennsylvania Core Standards. Presenters included Melissa Sneeringer, middle level ELA, Steve Perago, high school ELA, Kevin Stiffler, middle level Math, Melissa Grim and Lori Eichelberger, high school Math, Anne Adamczyk, elementary level Science, Carrie Livingston, middle level Science, Pam Kimber, high school Science, Clinton Walter, middle level Technology, and Abbie Sechrist, high school German. Renaut publicly thanked teachers and administrators for their efforts in rewriting the curriculum and Dr. Lombardo thanked the Asst. Superintendent for his oversight during the process.

Brent Hoschar presented a proposal for high school student council students to travel to Gifford Pinchot State Park in July 2014. The board will consider approval of the trip at the May 19, 2014 voting meeting.

Emily Sindlinger welcomed Scott Govern, Student Athletics Coordinator, who shared a summary of the 2013-2014 winter sports season. Govern shared the season record for each sport and noted his hope for a promising 2014-2015 season. He shared current standings of spring sports programs and highlighted senior athletes going on to post-secondary education on sports scholarships. Eric Cable recognized Govern for assistance with his daughter’s collegiate scholarship application process.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Stacy Meyer presented a memo detailing a donation of three aluminum signs from the Athletic Boosters, who are proposing placement on the tennis courts. Following brief discussion, the board gave approval for Mark Czapp to supervise installation of the signs, with placement high enough ground to discourage vandalism. The board will take action to acknowledge receipt of the donation at the May 19 meeting.

Meyer presented the proposed 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct noting minor changes from the 2013-14 school year, including reference to electronic cigarettes as a violation of the Tobacco Policy. The board will consider approval at the May 19 voting meeting.

Meyer presented the 2014-2015 Federal Programs Summary for review, noting board approval is necessary to give administration permission to file applications as listed. Dr. Renaut noted an increase in Title I funding of approximately \$96,000 over the 2013-14 year. The board will consider approval at the May 19 voting meeting.

Meyer presented the 2013-2014 Revised School Calendar for review. Following brief discussion, the board will consider approval of the calendar, with changes, at the May 19 voting meeting.

Dr. Renaut presented a memo concerning a second and final review of the 2015-2018 Comprehensive Plan, noting the Plan had been on public display for 28 days as required by PDE. The board will consider approval at the May 19 voting meeting.

George Ioannidis, Business Manager, presented the State Auditor General Report from years 2008-09 through 2011-12, noting there were no findings for the second consecutive audit. Ioannidis acknowledged district staff for their efforts and indicated no further board action was necessary.

Doug Stein presented a listing of proposed 2014-15 winter season coaches for review. Following brief discussion and a request to add the Head Swim Coach to the listing, the board will consider approval of winter season coaches at the May 19 voting meeting.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Ioannidis and Mark Czapp presented the 2014-2015 Nutrition Fund Budget for review and discussion, which included total revenues of \$2,198,513 and total expenditures of \$2,197,998, and a proposed increase in student breakfast, student lunch, and adult lunch prices of \$0.10 each. The Board will consider approval of the budget at the May 19 voting meeting.

Ioannidis presented the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget for review and discussion, reflecting a proposed millage rate increase of 2.6% over the current millage rate of 20.5048. Ioannidis shared an update of anticipated state and federal funding and presented a summary of school district actions taken since 2010-11 that have resulted in expenditure reductions of \$5,057,928 and cumulative savings and revenue of more than \$32 million. The Board will consider final adoption of the 2014-15 budget during the May 19 voting meeting.

Eric Cable presented a listing of 2013-2014 Budgetary Transfers for review and discussion. The board will consider approval of the listing at the May 19 voting meeting.

Cable presented a listing of outdated/obsolete technology equipment for review. The board will consider approval of disposing the equipment at the May 19 voting meeting.

Cable presented the item of reappointment of the Board Treasurer for discussion. The board will consider approval of Eric Cable to continue as Board Treasurer, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015, at the May 19 voting meeting.

Ioannidis presented an update concerning property and/or buildings that the board is currently contemplating or has already taken action for disposition. Ioannidis indicated proposals for demolition of the old farmhouse, less the garage, would be presented for board consideration as early as June. Ioannidis noted administration is currently investigating marketing options to determine revenue possibilities for the ESC building and the former maintenance building. Lombardo noted there were a multitude of activities occurring simultaneously at the High School campus recently, which reflects evidence of the high quality of our district facilities; he recognized the board for making wise decisions on behalf of the community and the students.

Huber reminded members of the executive session for real estate following adjournment of the meeting.

Cable moved for adjournment at 8:41 PM. White seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
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