

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: June 16, 2014  
7:40 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

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

District: George Ioannidis, Robert Lombardo and David Renaut

Absent: Karyn Brown, Eric Cable, Cindy Huber

The Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:40 PM by Ms. Emily Sindlinger, Vice President. Sindlinger noted seven board members remained present from the voting meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Trettel introduced Mr. Jim Folkes, Chief Operating Officer of Red Lion Bus Company, a subsidiary of Krapf Bus Company, who spoke to the ongoing pupil transportation contract transition. Dale Krapf, Board Chairman of Krapf, thanked Lori Stine for her support thus far through the process, and shared the history behind Krapf’s Coaches, which started modestly in 1942. He thanked the school board for the opportunity to meet and exceed the district’s expectations.

Allison Bryant, Krapf Area General Manager, shared an update to company operations and their current search for drivers. 78 driver applications were submitted to date, with background checks and fingerprinting completed for those applications and more than 50% have completed the required physical. Krapf is looking to hire 12-15 more drivers. Operations will run out of the Red Lion facility through July. Recertification classes are being offered to those drivers who may need recertified.

Folkes stated there is currently no union representation for employees of the company. Negotiations continue regarding the possibility of conducting operations out of the facility formerly used by Durham. A move is expected by July 1. Folkes expects to have a full fleet of busses operational by the start of the school year, which includes the purchase of 84 new busses.

Lombardo thanked representatives from Krapf for coming and noted the district is looking forward to the relationship.

Lombardo noted that during a previous meeting, board members revisited having directional signage for the campus, and shared copies of options presented several years ago. Lisa Smith, Community Relations Coordinator, will modify a version of what is currently being used by the Athletic Department, to be placed on the website and shared with board members for reference during a future meeting.

Ioannidis solicited colleagues for names of real estate agencies to continue pursuing marketing of district properties. Ioannidis will procure additional proposals, similar in content to that of Bennett Williams, for the board's consideration and discussion during the August 4 DSF. The board will determine if a subcommittee is necessary at that time; intentions are to address the former maintenance building first, then the former middle school. Further discussion is necessary prior to a determination about the Educational Service Center.

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Stacy Meyer introduced a draft of the 2014-2015 District Operational Plan for review and discussion. Lombardo noted that the district has an unbelievably busy year ahead, with negotiations being a priority. He noted the upcoming CIRE exercise planned for September 26 and recognized Karyn Brown, Director of Pupil Services for coordination efforts to date. The board will consider approval of the proposed Operational Plan at the July voting meeting. There is no recommendation for a CAC this year.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Brent Hoschar introduced Scott Govern, Student Athletic Coordinator, who presented a detailed summary of spring sports. He noted the future looks promising, and thanked the board for the opportunity to coach students in track and field. Govern thanked the maintenance department for their upkeep of facilities and excellent field preparation. Lombardo thanked Govern for his commitment to kids.

Govern proposed having a Spring Grove High School Athletic Hall of Fame and presented a draft of bylaws and a nomination form for review and discussion. The information was assembled as part of a collaborative effort between community members and district staff. The Athletic Department will work with Athletic Boosters and the district will not be responsible for funding of the Hall of Fame. The board will consider approval of the Hall of Fame at the July voting meeting. Govern is looking to share the information with Lisa Smith and get it on the website immediately following approval.

Govern proposed the donation of a Football/Soccer Scoreboard by Athletic Boosters, to be placed on the campus athletic field behind the Technology Center. Govern is proposing the field be designated specifically for soccer; the scoreboard will be placed where the existing scoreboard is located. Projected costs include installation, hookup, etc., to be funded by Boosters. Govern publicly praised the booster club for their continued collaboration with and funding for district athletics. Board consensus was for Govern to move forward with the purchase, with formal acceptance of the donation to take place during the July voting meeting.

Govern thanked the school board for their confidence to hire him two years ago. He looks forward to a long history with Spring Grove.

Ioannidis reported receiving a quote from Houck for permanent repair of the roof at the Intermediate School. Once a final decision is made, the district will contract with Houck to get repairs done before school opens in the fall, at a cost of approximately \$26,000 to be paid from insurance monies received.

Sindlinger reminded board members of the executive session for personnel following adjournment. Trettel moved for adjournment at 8:31 PM. Meyer seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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