

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: August 4, 2014
7:29 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 7:29 PM by Ms. Cindy Huber, President. Huber noted nine board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J.T. Hand, Chief Operating Officer of York Water Company, a business owning property within the Spring Grove Area School District and Borough, shared of the company’s intentions to extend a water line past the Paradise Elementary School to Paradise Homes Mobile Home Park in the near future. Hand noted that York Water would welcome the chance to discuss any interest by the district to have the elementary school hook into the line running past Paradise. Hand noted that a Penn Dot permit would be required, and York Water may be agreeable to a cost agreement with the district for the permit. Mark Czapp has been aware of the project and is working on a cost analysis for hookup. Hand stated a 90-day confirmation period is required for hooking into the line. Information and estimated costs will be presented to the board for review and consideration during the September discussion meeting.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Ioannidis presented the 2015-2016 Proposed Budgetary Timeline for review, noting some of the dates on the timeline are yet unknown. The budgetary process will start in early September when enrollment projections and index information will be shared with the board. The board will consider approval of the timeline during a future meeting, when Ioannidis becomes aware of dates and completes the timeline.

Cable presented a listing of obsolete/outdated technology equipment recommended for disposal. Following brief discussion, the board will consider approval of the listing during the August voting meeting.

Cable presented the listing of proposed 2014-2015 Fund Raising Organizations for review, noting the addition of the Children’s Miracle Network. The board will consider approval of the list as presented during the August voting meeting.

Ioannidis noted receipt of information from Rock Realty concerning marketing options for district properties and will present the information to board members during a future meeting.

White presented the proposed 2014-2015 Waiver of Rental Fee Listing for review. The board will consider approval of the listing during the August 18 voting meeting.

Lombardo presented a campus directional sign for review. The sign includes arrows pointing to the High School, Stadium, Intermediate School, Fields, Tech Center and Windy Hill. The board discussed placement of two signs, proposing one for Rocket Lane and one for Spirit Drive, each to be visible to drivers entering the campus. Mark Czapp will secure estimates and options for material, size and color, and potential cost for concrete that may be necessary to cement the signs in place. Czapp will also secure estimates for smaller, individual signs. Board members requested the lettering be large enough so people can see without stopping their vehicle. Lombardo noted that directions to the campus have been added to the website.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meyer presented minor revisions to Policy #707, Use of School Facilities, and Policy #915, Imaging of Staff and Students, for review. Following lengthy discussion, the board will consider approval of a first reading for both policies during the August 18 voting meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Renaut, Assistant Superintendent, presented a draft of the proposed 2014-2015 District Assessment Plan, explaining that district assessments drive instruction and verify that students have met a particular benchmark. The board will consider approval of the proposed plan during the August 18 voting meeting.

Hoschar presented two Major Trip Proposals for review and consideration: FBLA State Leadership Workshop – November 2-3, 2014, and PSU THON – February 20-22, 2015. The board will consider approval of the trips during the August 18 voting meeting.

Dr. Lombardo informed the board of a damaged awning at Spring Grove Elementary, noting that the cost to repair the awning could come close to \$20,000. Trettel would like to see other options beyond a repair that would only be temporary for the price indicated. White suggested looking into a tin roof. The location of the awning is critical for providing protection to students, so repair or replacement should be both sturdy and cosmetically appealing. Czapp will secure options and estimated costs, to be presented to the board during a future meeting.

Board members clarified policy language for requirements to present public comment.

Trettel thanked the administration for the National School Lunch Program memo listing information requested by the board during a prior meeting. Trettel questioned if teachers allow students to eat snacks during instructional time, stating this practice may be curbing students' appetites and leading to more food being discarded during the lunch program.

White commented that announcements and music will soon begin from the High School Stadium as a result of scheduled season practices and games. The administration will monitor any comments from local residents and share with the board as appropriate.

Huber reminded board members of the executive session for personnel following adjournment. Cable moved for adjournment at 8:12 PM. Trettel seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary