

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ September 8, 2014
TIME: 7:14 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 September 8, 2014 Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:14 PM by Cindy Huber, President. Huber noted nine board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eric Cable presented a listing of obsolete/outdated technology equipment recommended for disposal. Following review and brief discussion concerning the antiquated items listed, the board will consider approval during the September 22 voting meeting.

Cable presented a listing of 2013-2014 budgetary transfers for discussion. Following brief discussion concerning the possibility of additional transfers upon receipt of the auditor’s forthcoming report, the board will consider approval of the transfers as listed during the September 22 voting meeting.

Ioannidis presented a memo concerning marketing options for existing school district properties, noting he has been unsuccessful in receiving a formal proposal from Rock Commercial Real Estate. He will follow up with a different agent in the coming weeks to determine Rock’s degree of interest and bring information back to the board, as appropriate. Ioannidis noted that Bennett Williams remains a viable consideration and board members encouraged soliciting other, smaller marketing firms, as well.

Ioannidis noted that as part of the issuance of general obligation bonds, statements are included that commit the issuing authority to report financial information. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission recently developed a Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative to address reporting violations and/or omissions. Ioannidis noted that prior to 2010, evidence cannot be secured to verify that the District submitted the required information. Ioannidis is currently working with Steve Hovis of Stock & Leader and Chris Gibbons of Concord Financial to determine necessary actions. As information becomes available, the board will hear recommendations for consideration and potential action.

Mark Czapp, Support Services Director, shared information concerning York Water Company's intentions to run a water line on Lake Road. He presented options for consideration to run either iron pipe or plastic pipe and make a connection at Paradise Elementary. Czapp noted ongoing water-related issues/expenditures at Paradise, including repairs due to damage caused by hard well water and the need for an onsite operator to test the drinking water on a daily basis. Czapp noted in the long run, public water hookup would be cost neutral. Stein requested an estimated timeframe for complete payback. Consensus of the board was for Czapp to contact York Water Company and share the district's interest in hooking up. Board members requested a detailed cost comparison of A) running a line directly to the elementary school for full public water hookup and usage, and/or B) running a line to a meter pit, with anticipated extension of that line to the elementary building down the road. Czapp and Ioannidis will prepare specifications in order to obtain quotes/bids for estimates, and include payback estimations.

Czapp presented information concerning repairs necessary to the Spring Grove Elementary entryway canopy and presented three options for board consideration. The board directed Czapp to pursue covering the existing frame with 26 gauge metal roofing, which includes a 50-year warranty. Czapp will develop specifications and put the project out for bid. He will bring estimated costs and color options to the board during an upcoming meeting. Funding for the project will come out of capital reserve.

Czapp noted that he and Dr. Renaut recently visited York College to view campus signage. Czapp contacted the vendor used by the college and he is currently discussing options with the company for Spring Grove's campus. Information will be shared with board members during a future meeting.

Czapp commented that certain sections of sidewalk are in need of repair at both the High School and the ESC building. Attempted repairs do not appear to be suitable for the long term. Rather than undertaking the expense of completely replacing the sidewalks, White suggested using a salt resistant material. Czapp will look into the sealer and share an update with the board during a future meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Brent Hoschar presented one Major Trip Proposal for consideration. Following discussion concerning the student's talent for competition eligibility, the board will consider approval of the trip for Sean Dye's participation in the National Association for Music Education All-National Choir, October 27-29, 2014, during the September 22 voting meeting.

Huber reminded board members of the executive session following adjournment of the meeting for personnel reasons.

Sindlinger moved for adjournment at 8:00 PM. Trettel seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary