

The Spring Grove Area School District Board of School Directors met for its regular session on Monday, March 20, 2017, in the Board Room of the Educational Service Center, 100 East College Avenue, Spring Grove, PA. Cindy Huber, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed. Roll call by Board Recording Secretary showed Eric Cable, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Matt Jansen, Stacy Meyer, Todd Staub, Douglas Stein, David Trettel, and Douglas White present.

Huber noted there were no executive sessions held since the last sunshine meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Before inviting audience members for public comment, Huber read a statement indicating appropriate etiquette.

Susan Korsnick, 18 Biesecker Road, York, thanked Board President Huber for sharing appropriate measures that a member of the public may take to request removal of a school board member. Korsnick stated that positive things have come out of unfortunate circumstances.

Jerry Mascaro, Jackson Township, highlighted activities, performances, and accomplishments of students that are part of the Spring Grove Music Program. Students who performed in the musical, Oklahoma, were selected for Encores in April. Mascaro expressed appreciation to educators for their service and to the Board and administrators for continued support.

Amy Gunzelman, high school student, stated that the recent Diversity Festival was a success. She stated her opinion that a board member's social media posts are in direct violation of conduct listed in the Board Governance Policy and will speak with PSBA this week to determine actions to hold the member accountable.

Alissa Barshinger, 1045 Lake Road, Spring Grove, and parent of four, referenced hate mail recently received by a student who spoke up at a recent meeting. Barshinger requested that the Board send a strong statement denouncing the actions of the author and stated her intentions to continue her public comments until a member of the School Board does the right thing and steps down.

Cindy Mitzel, non-resident, made a correction to details of a former statement made on March 6, 2017.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE

Huber stated that it is unfortunate a member of the public would receive any type of hate mail but noted that Policy requesting a home address has been on file since 2004. It is consistent with other local school boards to ask for an address. The Board will consider what is required of students moving forward.

Jansen stated his disappointment and dismay at the hate mail reportedly received by Amy Gunzelman.

Cable acknowledged Gunzelman's comments regarding the District's Diversity Festival and noted the high level of diversity within Spring Grove. Cable stated that during his 13 years' experience as a board member he has seen many changes within the District to promote greater diversity, including the recent festival. He thanked staff and students for their part in hosting the event.

Trettel stated that while understanding the public's frustration over recent media reporting, the law is clear about how a board is permitted to respond. Trettel stated that the difficulty in removing a board member was intentionally written into the constitution as a protective mechanism for citizens and board members alike and encouraged audience members to consider the board's limitations when asking it to take action.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Renaut acknowledged that, during the recent Diversity Festival event, he noted a cross section of staff, students, residents, administrators, and board members, in attendance. Renaut recognized Mr. Shick, New Salem Elementary Principal, as chairman of the Districtwide Diversity Committee and credited him for his work to plan and organize the event. Carrie Schmoyer, High School Counselor, was also named as a huge organizer.

Dr. Cugliari, High School Principal, presented certificates to High School students who were present at the meeting, and named others who were absent: Lauren Grove and Seth Shively, March Students of the Month; Katie Gallagher and Vinnie Beck, Student Musicians; Dalton Rohrbaugh, Clay Baker, Jake Meyer, and Nathan Young, Student Athletes (who made history this month by qualifying at states); and Sienna Fishel and Alex Virula, Student Artists. Congratulations to these students.

Cugliari introduced Mark Prusakowski, a senior student selected as a finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Eligibility for selection is based on preliminary SAT scores taken in the fall of a student’s 11th grade year and the student’s grade point average. Prusakowski is currently ranked first in his 2017 class and was congratulated for his prestigious achievement.

Renaut introduced Jessica Staub, Musical Director this year for the show, Oklahoma. Ms. Staub congratulated Vinnie Beck, Katie Gallagher, and Lauren Grove, for their performances during this year’s show, and introduced the three students to perform “Surry with a Fringe on Top” for board and audience members. Renaut thanked the students and noted their performance was a great way to celebrate March as Music in our Schools month.

Renaut congratulated the following students for their induction into the High School National Art Honor Society after successfully completing one year of art with a B average and maintaining that B average in all other classes: Laura Ardner, Azeria Lloyd, Victoria Hans, Madison Little, Julia Wilmot.

Renaut congratulated the following Middle School Students of the Month for February: Delaney Bryant, Tyler Crushong, Nick Etter, Matthew Gettman, Darren Gobrecht, Brendan Livelsberger, Bethanne Luckenbaugh, Noah Midwig, Caylyn Shirey, Toby Trish, Ariana Ulsh.

Renaut noted during the first round of the PIAA State Tournament, Spring Grove basketball players defeated West Scranton on March 10th for the first PIAA win in school history. They went on to defeat East Stroudsburg North on March 17th at Pottsville, qualifying us for the Quarterfinals (Elite Eight) at Santander Arena in Reading where we lost to PIAA top-seeded, and eventual champion, Archbishop Wood. During this run, Eli Brooks moved into second on the All-Time Scorer List for YAIAA boys’ basketball, with 2,426 points. Coach Brooks has made us Spring Grove proud and Renaut recognized the coach and the team for their outstanding performances.

Two of our three Mock Trial teams are participating in the District Championship. Renaut congratulated Team 1 students: Timmer Gross, Caleb Edwards, Wyatt Wivell, Thompson Dasher, Zoe Stauffer, Jiana Graham, Abby Erlemeier, Maddy Gladfelter, Chloe Braden, and Morgan Rinehart, who won regional finals. The team will move on to States for the first time ever! Hats off to this group.

Renaut noted that more than 225 parents and students attended New Salem’s Literacy Festival on March 2nd. Organizers were Cyndi Cohen and Jody Warehime, under the leadership of Mr. Shick. The evening included dinner, student sessions, and parent sessions that focused on skills to help children read.

During the March 18 Mini-THON, Renaut shared that nearly 500 students stayed on their feet for 12 hours and raised \$102,087.18 for the Four Diamonds Fund, beating last year's total. This brings SGASD's total over the past 15 years to \$722,234.84. Members of THON's Leadership Team will be in attendance at the April 17 board meeting to share a report.

Kayla Weaver, Student Representative to the Board, presented a report of happenings throughout the school district. Renaut followed up by stating that good things are happening throughout Spring Grove.

CORRESPONDENCE

Huber noted an invitation from Stock and Leader was placed at each board member's seat to participate in the May 2nd Annual School Law Workshop.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staub noted legislation recently passed that broadened the eligibility for tax credit. Spring Grove Area Educational Fund will be looking for consideration as an eligible organization.

YORK ADAMS ACADEMY

Stacy Meyer offered no report, but noted the next meeting is in April.

YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Dave Trettel reported that the YCST budget was approved by all participating districts. The next joint board meeting is scheduled for April.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Cable moved and Trettel seconded approval of the following minutes: Regular Voting Meeting on February 20, 2017; Voting Meeting on March 6, 2017; and Directors' Study Forum on March 6, 2017. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Todd Staub presented the Treasurer's Reports for month ending February 28, 2017.

2. Staub moved and Trettel seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report.

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

BUSINESS/FINANCE REPORTS

3. Following a report of the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations read by Todd Staub, Staub moved and Cable seconded the following:
 - A. Approval of the Accounts Payable lists for February 2017, as presented.
 - B. Approval of the General Operating Budget for the York Adams Academy for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, representing no tuition increase.
 - C. Acceptance of the proposed 2017-2018 General Operating Budget for Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 in the total expenditure amount of \$7,037,879, representing a minimal increase of \$108,407 over 2016-2017, and Spring Grove Area School District's contribution being \$34,952.08, representing a slight decrease from 2016-2017 of \$817.44.
 - D. Approval to contract with integraONE to update network gear and replace core switches at high school and middle school buildings, in accordance with the Proposal submitted on February 24, 2017.

Vote by roll call on all items of Budget & Finance 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 Stacy Meyer, Meyer moved and Cable seconded the following:
 - A. Acceptance of the following donations in accordance with Board Policy No. 702, Gifts, Grants and Donations:
 - 1) A Stella guitar, case, music stand, and tuner, from Lori Seitz, to be used to support the District Music Program.
 - 2) An Ibanez Gio guitar and case, a First Act guitar and case, and various music stands, from Ed Jenkins, to be used to support the District Music Program.
 - 3) An Engelhardt Cello and numerous art supplies, from Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Sheehan, to be used to support the Art and Music Programs at Paradise Elementary.
 - 4) A monetary donation in the amount of \$366 from Spring Grove Music Boosters to help underwrite ticket costs associated with the Penn State vs. Rutgers Game at the Bryce Jordan Center on February 4, 2017.
 - 5) A monetary donation in the amount of \$250 from Stambaugh Plumbing and Heating, Inc., to be used to support the Book Club Program for fourth graders at New Salem Elementary.
 - 6) A monetary donation in the amount of \$156 from Spring Grove Athletic Boosters to help underwrite ticket costs associated with the Penn State vs. Rutgers Game at the Bryce Jordan Center on February 4, 2017.

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

5. Following a report of the Personnel Committee’s recommendations read by Doug Stein, Stein moved and Cable seconded the following:
 - A. Approval of the following resignation:
 - 1) Boys’ Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach – Clifford Gordon, effective March 10, 2017, for personal reasons.
 - B. Approval of the following appointment, provisionally hired pending receipt of completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers:
 - 1) Boys’ Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach – Shane Aughenbaugh, effective March 21, 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year. Compensation established at \$2,770.00 for the season.
 - C. Approval of the following classified substitute for the 2016-2017 school year at the appropriate hourly rate as indicated on the Support Staff/Substitute Salary Matrix.
 - 1) Rochelle Messersmith

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

PROGRAM REPORT:

6. Following a report of the Athletic & Music Committee's recommendations read by David Trettel, Trettel moved and Staub seconded the following:

A. Approval for Varsity Boys' and Varsity Girls' Track teams to attend the Temple University Track and Field Temple Relays, on April 13, 2017, at Temple University, in Philadelphia, PA.

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

7. Following a report of the Curriculum Committee's recommendations read by Brent Hoschar, Hoschar moved and Trettel seconded the following:

A. Approval for Dr. Michael Holtzapple, Federal Programs Coordinator, to attend the Annual Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC) Conference at Seven Springs, Pennsylvania, May 7-10, 2017.

B. Approval for Mr. Brian Hastings, High School Science Teacher, to attend a Monroe Astronautical Rocket Society (MARS) Rocket Launch, in Geneseo, New York, May 27-29, 2017.

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

Huber reminded members of the next scheduled discussion/voting meeting on April 3, 2017 and indicated a possibility of June 5, 2017, for the 2017 Board Retreat, with a 5:00 PM start time. If unable to attend, board members should notify Cindy.

Cable moved and Meyer seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager/Board Secretary