

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ April 3, 2017
TIME: 7:15 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

PARTICIPANTS: School Board: Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber
Matthew Jansen, Stacy Meyer,
Doug Stein, David Trettel,

District: Karyn Brown, Mary Beth Grove,
George Ioannidis, and David Renaut

Absent: Eric Cable, Todd Staub, Doug White

Cindy Huber, Board President, called to order the Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 7:15 PM. Huber noted that six board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Karyn Brown, Director of Pupil Services, introduced Kelly Peake, Intermediate School Assistant Principal, Kathy Eshbach, Elementary Assistant Principal, Amy Lawrence, Intermediate School Instructor, and Jennifer Whalen and Staci Jamison, Elementary Instructors, to share a presentation concerning Project TEAM, a school-wide initiative that will begin with the start of the 2017-2018 school year. This anti-bullying movement will help schools develop a team-oriented culture using a colorful house and six relatable character traits that reach across grade levels to bring everyone together on the same TEAM. Brown recognized each of the presenters for their efforts.

Dr. Grove shared information from a memo regarding new and revised curricula proposed for the 2017-2018 school year. All curricula are available for board members’ review online and teachers will attend the May 1, 2017, Directors’ Study Forum to present a brief summary of each of the courses. The Board will consider approval of the curricula at the May 15, 2017, regular voting meeting.

Greg Wagner, Student Athletic Coordinator, shared a brief overview of the winter sports season for Varsity Spring Grove teams. A successful season overall, Wagner shared results for each winter sport (wins/losses) and the outstanding achievements by teams and individual athletes.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Ioannidis, Business Manager, presented a memo and Plancon K document marking the typical process telling PDE the parameters for refinancing series GOB 2011. The Board will consider approval at the April 17, 2017, regularly scheduled voting meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Stacy Meyer presented a memo and three policies related to uncompensated leave. Dr. Renaut invited AnJie Doll, Human Resources Director, to discuss background information concerning recommendations to revise Policies #539, #439, and #339. Doll explained the stringencies of existing language and recommended revisions to be more in line with original intent of the policy. Renaut confirmed the Solicitor vetted the three policies and recommended the Board move forward to consider approval of a first reading at the April 17th voting meeting.

PSBA gave an updated recommendation for Policy #808. The board will consider the updates when reviewing the policy at the May Directors' Study Forum. Renaut noted the board will begin to see an increase in the number of policies flowing into Directors' Study Forum meetings in order to remain current with ongoing changes in legislation.

Doug Stein presented a memo concerning projected personnel actions for the April 17, 2017, voting meeting, at which time the board will consider approval.

FUTURE PLANNING

Huber reminded board members of the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 17, 2017. Huber also confirmed the board retreat for June 5, 2017, to begin with dinner at 5:00 PM.

Trettel moved for adjournment at 7:55 PM. Jansen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary