

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: October 2, 2017  
7:05 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

PARTICIPANTS:

School Board: Karen Baum, Eric Cable,  
Cindy Huber, Stacy Meyer, Todd Staub,  
Douglas Stein, Doug White

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

Absent: Brent Hoschar, David Trettel

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, October 2, 2017, at 7:05 PM. Huber noted that seven Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**BUSINESS/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ioannidis presented information concerning a potential refinancing opportunity for GOB Series of 2013 and introduced Mr. Chris Gibbons, Concord Public Finance, to explain the details. Callable in October 2018, refinancing these bonds at this time would fix a lower interest rate, with settlement put off to one year from now and yielding a projected net savings of \$281,000, or approximately 3%. Ioannidis will confirm the District’s intentions with Steve Hovis, Bond Counsel, and solicit bank proposals. Ioannidis will present to the Board a recommendation at the November discussion meeting for further action by the Board.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Renaut introduced Greg Wagner, Student Athletic Coordinator, and Rosemary Cugliari, High School Principal, to discuss the process for approval of the annual athletics budget. Wagner shared a handout and gave an overview of the process. Regarding the High School’s collaboration with Athletic Boosters, the Club considers requests on a case-by-case basis after being vetted through the Athletic Coordinator. Boosters typically accommodate requests. Wagner confirmed that revenue generated from ticket sales goes into the District’s General Fund.

Dr. Renaut noted that Board Policy No. 913.1, Relations with School-Affiliated Organizations, is currently under review and will come before the Board during an upcoming discussion meeting after more research is completed.

George Ioannidis presented information regarding the proposed 2018-2019 budget for review and discussion, recapping 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 fiscal years, noting an ending deficit of approximately \$3,983,024 for the current year. The official Base Index for 2018-2019 is 2.4%, with the District’s Enhanced Index set at 3.0%. Discussions at the November 5 discussion meeting will include a review of

2016-17 data, 2018-19 parameters, fund balance management, and consideration of a resolution to stay within the Index.

Following brief discussion, Dr. Renaut noted that planning for a future discussion meeting may include an update on the PSERS retirement system in light of its ongoing impact on the 2018-2019 budget conversations.

Staub presented a list of proposed obsolete / outdated equipment for disposal and resale. The Board will consider approval to dispose of the items at the October 16 regular voting meeting.

Staub presented a list of final budgetary transfers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The Board will consider approval of the transfers at the October 16 regular voting meeting.

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Stein presented two compensated professional development leave requests for review and discussion. Alison Schriver meets the requirements of Policy #438.1 for leave during the second semester of 2017-2018. The Board will consider approval of the request at the October 16 regular voting meeting. Ben Neiderer is considering an opportunity for the 2018-2019 school year to grow professionally through an international school in Europe. The Board will consider approval of the request at the October 16 regular voting meeting, contingent upon the Superintendent's receipt and approval of a detailed plan supporting 360 hours of professional development activities.

Stein presented a memo concerning proposed personnel actions for the October 16, 2017, regular voting meeting. The Board will consider approval of the proposed actions at that meeting.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cable presented the following Major Trip Proposals for review: Mock Trial Team's United Nations Competition on November 4, 2017; the Advanced Video Journalism students' trip on November 8, 2017; the Music Department's trip on January 6, 2018; Student Launch Initiative's Launch on April 2-9, 2018; Foreign Language students' trip in April 2018; and TARC Nationals on May 10-13, 2018. Deanna Thatcher, Foreign Language Teacher, noted the Minnesota trip will prove a nice stepping stone for those students looking to be immersed in a different culture before traveling out of the country as part of foreign exchange trip. The Board will consider approval of the trips at the October 16 regular voting meeting.

### **FUTURE PLANNING**

Huber reminded Board members of the October 16<sup>th</sup> regular voting meeting scheduled for Paradise Elementary in the gymnasium.

Cable moved for adjournment at 8:13 PM. Baum seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis  
Business Manager / Board Secretary