



MINUTES
SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
DIRECTORS' STUDY FORUM MEETING

DATE/TIME of MEETING: April 6, 2020 @ 7:17 PM

LOCATION of MEETING: Educational Service Center, 100 East College Avenue, Spring Grove, PA

ATTENDANCE

The following School Directors were in attendance:

Karen Baum (Zoom), Maurice Gaskins (Zoom), Brent Hoschar (Zoom),
Cindy Huber, Rachel Rohrbaugh (Zoom), Todd Staub (Zoom),
Doug Stein (Zoom), Dave Trettel (Zoom), Doug White

The following School Directors were absent:

The following Spring Grove Area School District Administrators were in attendance:

Dr. George W. Ioannidis, Superintendent
Dr. Mary Beth Grove, Assistant Superintendent (Zoom)
Mr. Mark Czapp, Director of Business Operations (Zoom)
Ms. Karyn Brown, Director of Pupil Services (Zoom)

A Directors' Study meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was held on Monday, April 6, 2020, following adjournment of the voting meeting. Cindy Huber, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM, noting the same nine Board members remained in attendance from the earlier voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

BOARD OR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE:

n/a

BUSINESS/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance

Mark Czapp, Director of Business Operations, presented additional information regarding the 2020-2021 proposed General Fund Budget with updates from the March meeting. Czapp explained the Board may still amend the proposed 3.3% millage rate approved during tonight's action meeting. He shared a handout reflecting the impact of a range of potential millage rate increases to property values. At the May 4th DSF, Czapp will share projected savings to the current year's ending budget as a result of the Governor's COVID-19 school closure, including, but not limited to, utilities, transportation, fuel, substitute teachers, and supplies. Adoption of the proposed final budget is anticipated with other May 18th action items.

Czapp noted that the Nutrition Services Department has done an outstanding job providing meals to students during the current school closure. More than 1,100 were served today. The District will continue to distribute meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays throughout the closure. Czapp presented a memorandum outlining current meal prices, free and reduced statuses, and existing meal account balances. There are no plans to increase meal prices in the 2020-2021 school year. A full presentation is anticipated for the May 4th DSF meeting.

Buildings and Grounds

Karyn Brown, Director of Pupil Services, presented the second of two required Act 44 Safety and Security updates to the Board. Brown reported she will reach out to a local business for their consideration to be part of a reunification effort with a potential Critical Incident Response Exercise at the elementary level in the spring of 2021. Brown stated that Board members would be informed of the details during a future executive session.

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The spring Safety Council Meeting, previously scheduled, will now be held via Screencast as a result of the COVID-19 school closure.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel

Stein presented confidential personnel actions projected for the April 20th regular voting meeting. The actions will be included on the meeting agenda.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Athletics and Music

Dr. Ioannidis referred Board members to a memorandum from Mr. Wagner, Student Athletic Coordinator, detailing updates from the winter sports season. Ioannidis also noted that, to-date, PIAA has not yet announced intentions for the spring season as a result of the COVID-19 school closure. He will keep the Board updated.

Curriculum

Dr. Grove provided a memorandum and brief summary of proposed new courses for the 2020-2021 school year, noting that detailed information is available for the Board's review online. Supervising administrators are scheduled to be available at the May 4th DSF meeting to offer an overview of each of the four courses. Grove noted that curriculum for two STEM courses was not yet available, but will be shared at a future meeting after opportunity to complete required training from Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). The Board will consider approval of all proposed courses at the May 18th regular voting meeting.

PLANNING:

Dr. Ioannidis shared a general status update to district operations as a result of the COVID-19 school closure. District iPads are being distributed to students in grades K-6 for continued remote learning (in the past, these students did not take the iPads home). The District is poised to complete 170 days of instruction, and will file a waiver for the 180-day requirement, which is expected to be met with approval from PDE. Ioannidis noted that conversations are underway with transportation contractors regarding their requests for payments through the closure, despite no services during the closure. The District will cancel field trips for the remainder of the school year. Administrators are currently considering options for graduation, prom, and awards programs. Board consensus was to determine what other York County districts are doing and to reach out to Stock and Leader before making any final decisions. Ioannidis reported that teachers are being granted limited access to buildings, and consideration is being given to allow students into buildings to secure personal items due to urgent circumstances. Additional concerns include, but are not limited to, students' return to school with potential deficits in the 2020-2021 school year, state revenue and property tax challenges, and extended school year services for students with special needs.

ADJOURNMENT: Trettel moved for adjournment at 8:21 PM. White seconded. The meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Mark A. Czapp,
Director of Business Operations/Board Secretary