



MINUTES
SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
VOTING MEETING

DATE/TIME of MEETING: June 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

LOCATION of MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

ATTENDANCE: **The following School Directors were in virtual attendance:**
Karen Baum, Maurice Gaskins, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber,
Rachel Rohrbaugh, Todd Staub, Doug Stein, Dave Trettel, Doug White

The following School Directors were absent:

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

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

A virtual, voting meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was held on Monday, June 8, 2020. Cindy Huber, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed to remember the life of Doug Stein's father, who recently passed. Roll call taken by the Board Recording Secretary reflected eight Board members present, with Doug White absent.

Huber announced that the Board met in executive session following adjournment of the May 18th Regular Voting Meeting to discuss personnel matters, and she announced that there will be an executive session following adjournment of this evening's meeting also for personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kaylee Martin, fourth grade instructor at Spring Grove Elementary and Spring Grove Education Association (SGEA) representative, spoke on behalf of SGEA and stated that, during the recent weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic, SGEA members raised funds for local organizations to support families in need. \$4,020 was donated to the Central PA Food Bank; \$1,585 was donated to the United Way COVID-19 Response Fund.

Aiden Fissel, 2020 graduate and former student representative to the School Board, commented that he was excited to see Mr. Christian Ehrhart on the personnel agenda and offered a preemptive congratulations, stating that Ehrhart will make a fine addition to the High School administrative team.

Dave Trettel, School Board member, questioned the constitutionality of executive orders as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and stated his disagreement with holding totally virtual Board meetings, precluding the option for physical attendance. Trettel proposed a vote to allow "in-person" attendance by interested Board members.

BOARD OR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE:

Gaskins thanked Kaylee Martin and Aiden Fissel for their positive comments. Gaskins remarked of Fissel's growth during his senior year as student representative and congratulated him and all graduates of the Class of 2020. Board members joined in the acknowledgment and collectively recognized the efforts of SGEA for their support to local charities during the pandemic.

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Hoschar addressed Trettel's remarks and questioned the plan for Board meetings moving forward. Dr. Ioannidis, Superintendent, stated that options for meeting space within the district that allows for recommended social distancing are being evaluated, and the plan is to resume allowing for a physical meeting option.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ioannidis presented a summary of celebrations and ongoing challenges of the 2019-2020 school year and a summary of 2019-2020 operational plan items. Ioannidis explained that these summaries, shared annually, serve as a valuable reference when laying out plans for the ensuing year.

Mr. White joined the meeting virtually at 7:14 PM.

ACTION VOTING ITEMS:

BUDGET AND FINANCE

1. Following a report of the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations read by Todd Staub, Staub moved and Gaskins seconded the following:
 - A. Approval of the homestead assessment exemption of \$5,497 and a farmstead assessment exemption of approximately \$5,497 for the school year beginning July 1, 2020, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).

Vote by roll call on all items resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by Board members.

PERSONNEL

2. Following a report of the Personnel Committee's recommendations read by Doug Stein, Stein moved and Hoschar seconded the following:
 - A. Approval of the attached position description for the Supervisor of Online Learning.
 - B. Approval of the following resignations:
 - 1) Indoor Percussion Director – Mr. James Garcia, effective May 8, 2020, for personal reasons.
 - 2) Indoor Percussion Instructor – Mr. Jeffrey Sievers, effective May 22, 2020, for personal reasons.
 - 3) Spring Grove Area Intermediate School Autistic Support Instructor – Ms. Julee Kessler, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, for the purpose of accepting a teaching position outside of the district.
 - C. Approval of the following termination:
 - 1) Spring Grove Elementary School Head Custodian – Ms. Connie Diacont, effective May 29, 2020, due to job abandonment.
 - D. Approval of the following transfer:
 - 1) Spring Grove Area High School Assistant Principal – Mr. Christian Ehrhart, **from** Spring Grove Area Middle School Learning Commons Instructor **to** Spring Grove Area High School Assistant Principal, effective August 17, 2020. Annual compensation established at \$93,500.00.

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- E. Approval of the following appointments, provisionally hired pending receipt of updated clearances and completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers:
- 1) Spring Grove Area High School Part-Time Custodian – Mr. Keith Fishel, effective June 9, 2020. Compensation established at \$11.82 per hour for 4 hours per day, 260 days per year.
 - 2) Spring Grove Area High School Part-Time Guidance Secretary – Mrs. Keelie Tullis, effective, June 9, 2020. Compensation established at \$12.58 per hour for 4 hours per day, 260 days per year.

Vote by roll call on all items resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by Board members.

Ioannidis congratulated Mr. Ehrhart, joining the meeting virtually, as newly appointed High School Assistant Principal.

ADJOURNMENT: Hoschar moved for adjournment at 7:23 PM. Rohrbaugh seconded. The meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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