



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

DATE/TIME of MEETING: October 10, 2022 @ 8:39 PM

LOCATION of MEETING: SPRING GROVE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL
244 OLD HANOVER ROAD, SPRING GROVE, PA

ATTENDANCE:

The following School Directors were in attendance:

Karen Baum, Michael Ritz, Rachel Rohrbaugh, Rodney Shearer,
Doug Stein, Dave Trettel, Doug White, Nicole Wilson

The following School Directors were absent:

Ben Ramsay, Doug Stein

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

Dr. George W. Ioannidis, Superintendent

Dr. Steve Guadagnino, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Mark Czapp, Director of Business Operations/Board Secretary (*via Zoom*)

Dr. Michelle Ludwig, Director of Pupil Services

A Directors' Study meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, following adjournment of the voting meeting. Rachel Rohrbaugh, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:39 PM, noting the same seven board members in attendance from the earlier voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mark Czapp, Director of Business Operations, shared a virtual presentation of the proposed 2023-2024 budget. Czapp's projections included a decline in enrollment and debt service costs over the next several years as well as an increase in assessed values and PSERS employer contribution rates. Czapp shared an overview of York County school district tax rates (Spring Grove ranking average among districts) and Spring Grove's millage rate history. His presentation included a summary of grant allocations and expenditures to date, including ESSER grants. Czapp recommended adopting a Resolution to stay within the district's official Enhanced Act 1 Index of 5.5%. The board may be asked to consider the Resolution as early as November 2022.

Czapp presented a memorandum with a proposed Act 57 Resolution for the board's review and consideration. For a taxpayer to take advantage of relief under Act 57, they must complete a waiver form. The board will consider adopting the Resolution at the October 24th Regular Voting Meeting.

Czapp presented a memorandum outlining 2022-2023 budgetary transfers for consideration. The board will consider approval of the transfers at the October 24th meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Ioannidis reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on October 3rd to hear from Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates architects, K & W engineers, and TRG traffic consultants, regarding proposed campus access roads and a maintenance building project.

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Ioannidis thanked White and Shearer, Board Committee members, for their insight and time reviewing information presented at the committee meeting. Additional information is being gathered by the professionals who will meet with the committee for a follow-up presentation before bringing to a future DSF.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICY

Ioannidis presented Policy #218 based upon board members' recommendation for further discussion before considering approval of a second and final reading. Board members requested that Ioannidis solicit a second opinion about policy wording and Title IX compliance.

Ioannidis presented Policy #220 with updates from the previous meeting based upon the Board's recommendations. He further noted rationale of proposed revisions to Policies #236.1, #805, #805.2, and #808. The Board Policy Committee will meet to review proposed policies before moving forward for respective first and second readings at the October 24th meeting.

PERSONNEL

Karen Baum presented a list of proposed personnel actions to be considered for approval at the October 24th regular voting meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CURRICULUM

Ioannidis shared a presentation outlining survey response action plans developed from district leadership sub-committees assigned to review concerns received from respective staff, parent, and student surveys. Trettel indicated the board will work with administration to prepare a timeline for administering a follow-up survey as a metric in determining how the district is doing.

Dr. Ludwig, Director of Pupil Services, presented a proposed clinical nurses' agreement with Wilkes University for review. Following discussion, the board will consider approval of the agreement to partner with Wilkes at the October 24th regular voting meeting.

Dr. Guadagnino, Assistant Superintendent, presented a proposed agreement with York College for review, affording district staff members discounted tuition rates. Following discussion, the board will consider approval to partner with York College at the October 24th regular voting meeting.

Guadagnino presented a series of major trips for consideration, three of which are related to the Rocketry Program. The board will consider approval of four major trips at the October 24th regular voting meeting.

ATHLETICS

Trettel presented an overnight conference request for review. Following discussion, the board will consider approval for Jeff Laux to participate in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Annual Conference in March 2023 at the October 24th regular voting meeting.

PLANNING:

Ioannidis reported that the district began offering free breakfast to all students October 1st. Though not without its challenges, it has been going well, and there has been a noticeable uptick in the number of breakfasts served.

Ioannidis stated that the administration continues to work with Everside concerning estimates for renovations to the Rocket Wellness Center. The Center's medical provider has been hired, and her introduction to staff at each building is being coordinated. A delay in opening may be likely as the result of late quotes. The approved provider may be located at an alternate location in the interim.

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Ioannidis reported that the Roth's Church Road Community Partnership is in the final stages of the current phase of its fundraising project. There are updates to the contract they would like to propose for consideration. In November, the partners, including the district, will move into the public phase of the fundraising campaign. At the conclusion of the campaign, the project will be opened for gathering estimates from architects, engineering firms, and others, and to begin the design and construction phase.

ADJOURNMENT: Trettel moved for adjournment at 9:25 PM. Ritz seconded. The meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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