

REGULAR VOTING MEETING

of the Spring Grove Area School District Board of School Directors

Monday, October 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

Paradise Elementary Library, 6923 Lincoln Highway West, Thomasville, PA

VOTING MEETING AGENDA

- I. **Call To Order** DAVE TRETTEL
- Flag salute and moment of silence
 - Roll call
 - Documented or announced reasons for known absences
 - Announcements regarding executive sessions held since the last sunshine meeting:
 - September 26, 2022, prior to meeting for Student Discipline
- II. **Welcome Visitors: Formal and Informal requests to address the Board**
- III. **Board and Administration Response to Public Comment**
- IV. **Superintendent's Report** DR. GEORGE W. IOANNIDIS
- V. **Student Representative's Report** TRENTON LEGGETT
- VI. **Correspondence** DAVE TRETTEL
- VII. **Legislative Update** DR. GEORGE W. IOANNIDIS
- VIII. **York County School of Technology** DAVE TRETTEL
- IX. **York Adams Academy** KAREN BAUM
- X. **Special Committee Reports** *(as needed)*
- XI. **Approval of Minutes:** *(motion and second needed, voice vote)*
- September 26, 2022 – Regular Voting Meeting
 - October 10, 2022 – Voting Meeting
 - October 10, 2022 – Directors' Study Forum
- XII. **Treasurer's Report** *(motion and second needed, roll call vote)* DOUG WHITE
- Month Ending September 30, 2022



XIII. Departmental Reports/Board Action Requests *(motion and second needed, roll call vote)*

- **BUSINESS/FINANCE REPORTS**

- Budget and Finance
- Buildings and Grounds

DOUG WHITE
For Information Only

- **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- Policy
- Personnel

KAREN BAUM
DOUG STEIN

- **PROGRAM REPORTS**

- Curriculum
- Athletics and Music

NICOLE WILSON
DAVE TRETTEL

XIV. Adjournment *(motion and second needed, voice vote)*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING September 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND - CHECKING

Balance 08/31/2022 \$ 7,079,526.05 \$ 7,079,526.05

Receipts

Total Receipts (as per attached) \$ 30,324,691.36
Cleared Deposits (Including Prior Months) \$ 30,325,493.46 \$ 30,325,493.46

Expenditures

Paid bills through end of month \$ 12,329,951.71
Transfer to PSDLAF \$ 15,000,000.00
Voided Checks \$ (19,035.62)
Cleared Expenses (Including Prior Months) \$ 27,310,916.09 \$ 25,929,088.72 \$ 25,929,088.72

Balance 9/30/2022

ACNB (.40%) \$ 11,475,930.79

GENERAL FUND - INVESTMENTS

Balance 9/30/2022

PLGIT Plus (2.27%) \$ 1,749.65
PSDLAF - Max (2.190%) \$ 2,252,502.41
PSDLAF - Full Flex Pool (2.980%) \$ 3,019,257.80
PSDLAF - Full Flex Pool (3.000%) \$ 3,021,310.83
PSDLAF - Cash MGMT Bill (3.419%) \$ 4,946,253.33
PSDLAF - Treasury Bill (3.431%) \$ 4,932,312.78
PSDLAF - Treasury Bill (3.781%) \$ 4,907,966.53
PSDLAF TOTAL \$ 23,079,603.68
INVESTMENT TOTAL \$ 23,081,353.33 \$ 23,081,353.33

GENERAL FUND - TOTAL

\$ 34,557,284.12

NUTRITION SERVICES FUND

Balance 8/31/2022 \$ 1,299,726.67 \$ 1,299,726.67

Receipts

Total Receipts (as per attached) \$ 93,440.80
Cleared Deposits (Including Prior Months) \$ 98,955.10 \$ 98,955.10

Expenditures

Paid bills through end of month \$ 85,763.96
Voided Checks \$ (40.50)
Cleared Expenses (Including Prior Months) \$ 85,723.46 \$ 93,760.38 \$ 93,760.38

Balance 9/30/2022

ACNB (.40%) \$ 1,304,921.39

NUTRITION SERVICES FUND TOTAL

\$ 1,304,921.39

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Balance 8/31/2022 \$ 471,093.33 \$ 471,093.33

Receipts

Total receipts \$ -
Interest \$ 146.48
Cleared Deposits (Including Prior Months) \$ - \$ 146.48

Expenditures

Paid bills through end of month \$ 144,712.53
Voided Checks \$ 144,712.53
Cleared Expenses (Including Prior Months) \$ 72,132.53 \$ 72,132.53

Balance 9/30/2022

ACNB (.40%) \$ 399,107.28

CAPITAL RESERVE INVESTMENTS

PSDLAF PSDMAX (2.190%) \$ 555,084.18 \$ 555,084.18

CAPITAL RESERVE TOTAL

\$ 954,191.46

Invoices presented for Board approval

A.G. Mauro \$ 16,006.64
Barton Associates Inc. \$ 646.89
H & H General Excavating \$ 23,540.00
Hershocks \$ 7,784.00
NRG Building Services Inc. \$ 24,155.00
York Excavating Co LLC \$ 72,580.00

\$ 144,712.53

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

Balance 9/30/2022

Elementaries \$ 4,265.51
Intermediate School \$ 7,551.94
Middle School \$ 6,920.49
High School \$ 82,573.35

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS-TOTAL

\$ 101,311.29

**BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD ACTIONS REQUESTED:**

- A. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST** – Approval of the Accounts Payable lists, as presented.
- B. **ACT 57 BOARD RESOLUTION** – Adoption of the attached Resolution requiring that district real estate tax collectors comply with Act 57 legislation, signed into law in July 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Act, and effective with the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- C. **2022-2023 BUDGETARY TRANSFERS** – Approval of the following budgetary transfers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year:
 - 1) Transfer from General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund (*total transfer \$649,806.10*):
 - a. \$591,496.10 for ESSER II Expenditures
 - b. \$ 58,310.00 for ESSER III Expenditures
 - 2) Transfer from General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund:
 - a. \$350,000 from the Budgetary Reserve Line Item
 - 3) Transfer from General Fund to the Food Service Fund:
 - a. \$ 5,700.50 for ESSER III Expenditures

Spring Grove Area School District
Resolution – Act 57 of 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO COMPLY WITH ACT 57 OF 2022

WHEREAS, the Spring Grove Area School District (School District”) is a taxing district as defined in the Local Tax Collection Law, 53 Pa. C.S. § 8001 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the School District adopts its annual budget on or before June 30 of each year, and issue its real estate tax bills thereafter on or about July 1 of each year;

WHEREAS, the real estate tax bills provide for payment by certain dates of either the discount, face and/or penalty amount depending on the date when such payment is made;

WHEREAS, from time to time there may be errors and/or delays with the distribution and/or delivery system of real estate tax bills and property owners may not receive their real estate tax bills and/or do not receive them in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022 amended the Local Tax Collection Law to authorize, in limited and certain circumstances, for the waiver of additional charges and other forms of relief for taxpayers’ late payment of the face amount of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022 requires the School District to adopt a resolution to require its real estate tax collector(s) to waive additional charges for real estate taxes, subject to a taxpayer’s compliance with the requirements Act 57 of 2022, beginning July 1, 2023 and each tax year thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District, as follows:

1. Definitions. In compliance with Act 57 of 2022, the following terms shall be defined as:
 - a. “Additional charge” shall mean any interest, fee, penalty or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate taxes as provided in the real estate tax notice.
 - b. “Tax collector” shall mean an elected or appointed tax collector, delinquent tax collector, tax claim bureau or alternative collector assigned to collect the School District’s real estate taxes.
 - c. “Qualifying event” shall mean either the date ownership of real estate is transferred, the date ownership of a mobile/manufactured home is transferred or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a mobile/manufactured home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the mobile/manufactured home.

2. Tax Collector Compliance. Each tax collector shall waive additional charges for the late payment of real estate taxes for a particular property, if a taxpayer does all of the following:
 - a. The taxpayer provides a waiver request of additional charges within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event;
 - b. The taxpayer attests a real estate tax notice was not received and/or not received in a timely manner;
 - c. The taxpayer provides proof of the property transfer within the previous twelve (12) months by means of:
 - i. a copy of the deed showing the date of the real property transfer; or
 - ii. a copy of the title showing the date of acquisition of a mobile/manufactured home or an executed lease agreement for a mobile/manufactured home shown the date on which the lease began; and
 - d. The taxpayer makes full payment of the face amount on real estate tax bill at the time of the waiver request.
3. Taxpayer Waiver and Attestation Form. A taxpayer shall use the standardized form developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for purposes of submitting the waiver request and attestation under Paragraph 2.
4. Tax Collector Liability. A tax collector who in good faith accepts a waiver request and full payment of the face amount on real estate tax bill shall not be personally liable for any amount due or arising from the real estate tax that is the subject of the waiver request.
5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective beginning July 1, 2023 or the date on which the School District's 2023 real estate tax notices are issued, if earlier.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District, in lawful session duly assembled, this 24th day of October, 2022.

SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Rachel Rohrbaugh,
President of the Board of School Directors

ATTEST: _____
Mark A. Czapp,
Secretary of the Board of School Directors
(SEAL)

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:****A. MANDATED BUILDING FIRE DRILLS**

<i>SCHOOL BUILDING</i>	<i>DATE OF DRILL</i>	<i>MINUTES</i>
New Salem Elementary	09/21/2022	Lockdown/Evacuation within first 90 days – Not timed
Paradise Elementary	09/08/2022	Lockdown/Evacuation within first 90 days – Not timed
Spring Grove Elementary	09/15/2022	Lockdown/Evacuation within first 90 days – Not timed
Spring Grove Intermediate	09/20/2022	Lockdown/Evacuation within first 90 days – Not timed
Spring Grove Middle School	09/08/2022	Lockdown/Evacuation within first 90 days – Not timed
Spring Grove High School	09/27/2022	Lockdown/Evacuation within first 90 days – Not timed

**POLICY BOARD ACTIONS REQUESTED:**

- A. **VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO YORK ADAMS TAX BUREAU** – Approval for Jennifer Leppo to represent the Spring Grove Area School District as the voting delegate and Mark Czapp to continue as the alternate voting delegate on the York Adams Tax Bureau, effective immediately.

- B. **VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE** – Approval for Jennifer Leppo to represent the Spring Grove Area School District as the voting delegate and Mark Czapp to continue as the alternate voting delegate on the York County Tax Collection Committee (TCC), effective immediately.

Background Information: Act 32 of 2008 mandated a Tax Collection District (TCD) be established in each county and a Tax Collection Committee be appointed to govern it. Jennifer Leppo is filling the voting delegate positions with the Tax Bureau and the Tax Collection Committee because of her appointment as District Accounting Manager in late June 2022.

- C. **SECOND READING** – Approval of a second and final reading for the following policies:

- 1) Revisions to Policy No. 101: Philosophy of Education/Mission Statement
- 2) Revisions to Policy No. 220: Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials

- D. **FIRST READING** – Approval of a first reading for the following policies:

- 1) Revisions to Policy 236.1: Threat Assessments
- 2) Revisions to Policy 805: Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 3) Revisions to Policy 805.2: School Security Personnel
- 4) Revisions to Policy 808: Food Services

- E. **DONATIONS** – Acceptance of the following donation/grant in accordance with Board Policy No. 702, Gifts, Grants and Donations:

- 1) A monetary donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Margaret Schlichter in support of the District's Weekend Backpack Program.
- 2) A monetary donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Ashlyn's Gift Scholarship Fund in support of the District's Weekend Backpack Program.
- 3) A physical donation of canned goods and other grocery and perishable food items from Providence Church in support of the District's Weekend Backpack Program.
- 4) A monetary donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Dijon Lucabaugh, on behalf of SnackTown Mommas, to support the Nutrition Services Program.



FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 17, 2022 – See attached.



MINUTES
SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE/TIME of MEETING: **October 17, 2022**

LOCATION of MEETING: **Spring Grove Area Educational Services Center** *(with option for virtual)*
100 East College Avenue, Spring Grove, PA 17362

ATTENDANCE: **The following School Directors were in attendance:**
Karen Baum, Committee Chair
Rachel Rohrbach and Nicole Wilson *(via Zoom)*

The following Spring Grove Area School District personnel were in attendance:
Dr. George W. Ioannidis, Superintendent
Mrs. Suzanne Sterner, Board Recording Secretary

A Policy Committee meeting of the Spring Grove Area School District Board of School Directors was held on Monday, October 17, 2022.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Ioannidis stated that School Board Policies include language identifying certain classes of students that are protected under Title IX, and referred to a recent presentation from Chris Harris, Attorney with Stock and Leader to school board members. As the result of issues raised during a recent board meeting regarding language that appeared to be repetitive in listing certain classes of students, the board requested to consider obtaining a second opinion regarding compliance with Title IX and how it relates to district policy and procedure.

Ioannidis reached out to three legal firms, suggested by Stock and Leader, for a second opinion. The firms are not directly related to Spring Grove Area School District; they are considered to be firms with expertise in matters related to Title IX and are considered as potential defense counsel.

One firm declined. However, the attorney generally recommends that school districts include a broad Title IX definition in policy to protect as many students as possible.

Firm two has not yet responded to the request.

The third firm indicated an interest in providing legal opinion. Following the outcome of the committee meeting, Ioannidis would request a letter of engagement for services estimated at \$200/hour, for approximately 2-3 hours, and questioned if the following specifics should be asked of the firm for response:

- 1) Is gender identity a protected class, and if so, are we required to accommodate transgender students as a protected class (i.e., bathrooms / locker rooms)?
- 2) Are we required to comply with Title IX if we do or do not accept federal funds? And if so, what are those conditions?
- 3) Can we remove all specific references and include general language?

Wilson asked if other firm(s) could be contacted, such as the Pennsylvania Family Institute (a web search redirected to the Independence Law Center). She stated they may do their work “pro-bono,” and they have school-related experience. Ioannidis encouraged committee and board members to keep any approach as non-partisan as possible, noting there is a difference between providing an opinion to a school district and defending a school district in litigation.

Ioannidis explained that following a claim against the district, the first step is to reach out to the solicitor and the insurance carrier. The insurance company maintains a list of law firms to be engaged given the claim situation. If the district elects not to use a listed firm, the district may be “on its own.” The board could then retain a professional at their own cost and risk coverage in the event of legal ramifications.

**Spring Grove Area School District
Board Policy Committee Meeting
October 17, 2022**

Ioannidis further indicated that individual board members have a certain level of immunity. However, he cautioned board members that if it is determined that their action results in injury or harm and a claim is filed, the insurance company may not be covering the board member(s), and respective board members' homeowner's coverage may be the default.

Policy Committee board members inquired about considering the removal of specific demographics of students in policy language and use "all students" to be inclusive of everyone, without "sub-dividing" groups.

Ioannidis will investigate further and report back to the Committee.

POLICIES IN THE QUEUE FOR A SECOND READING

- Policy #218 – will continue to hold until further information is gathered from independent law firm(s).
- Policy #220 – language in question was removed as presented at last board meeting; move forward for a second and final reading.
- Policy #101 – no issues; move forward for a second and final reading.

POLICIES IN THE QUEUE FOR A FIRST READING

- Policy #236.1, #805, #805.2 – no issues; move forward for a first reading.
- Policy #808 – while the district is not quite able to reach the CEP threshold, including the language in policy is a proactive approach; move forward for a first reading.

CONCLUSIONS/NEXT STEPS

Ioannidis will ask agreed-upon questions of firms willing to offer an opinion related to Policy #218 and Title IX and report back to committee members with findings.

Rohrbaugh asked if the insurance company would offer comment related to the law firms providing an opinion.

PLANNING

Moving forward, as policies come up for consideration, the administration will present proposed language to the Board Policy Committee (preferably via Zoom meeting) before taking to the full board at a future Directors' Study Forum for initial discussion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne E. Sterner

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Board Recording Secretary

PERSONNEL BOARD ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- A. **RETIREMENT RESIGNATION** – Approval of the following retirement resignation, with regret:
- 1) **Spring Grove Area Middle School Math Instructor** – Noel Conway, effective the last day before the first day of the start of the 2023-2024 school year, for the purposes of retirement, following 30 years of service to the school district.
- B. **RESIGNATION** – Approval of the following resignation:
- 1) **Spring Grove Elementary Head Custodian** – Bekka Swiger, effective November 25, 2022, for relocation purposes.
- C. **APPOINTMENT** – Approval of the following appointment, provisionally hired pending receipt of updated clearances and completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers:
- 1) **Spring Grove Area Intermediate School Long-Term Substitute Reading Specialist** – Erin Celano, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Compensation established at Step 1 on the Bachelor Schedule.
- Background Information** – Erin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Psychology from Monmouth University. Erin has 20 years of experience in teaching in New Jersey and in Florida. She is in the process of obtaining her certification in Pennsylvania and has been a guest teacher with the district since the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Erin is filling the positions resulting from leave of absence of Nadia Nell and the resignation of Jennifer Koliscak and subsequent transfer of Meghan Roy.*
- D. **STUDENT EMPLOYEES** – Approval of the following individuals pending receipt of clearances and completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers. Compensation established at \$10.25 per hour.
- 1) Lane Smith, Student Custodian / Maintenance
 - 2) Tonya Stambaugh, Student Custodian / Maintenance
- E. **ATHLETICS** – Approval of the following coaches for the 2022-2023 Winter Season, with compensation determined by the Coaches' Salary Matrix, and authorizing discretion to reduce, prorate, or cancel any appropriated payment because of a delayed, shortened, or canceled seasons due to COVID-19:

Job Title	Coach Name	Stipend
Boys Basketball Varsity Head Coach	Ryan Eisenhart	\$5,188.00
Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach	Kirby Orewiler	\$3,541.00
Girls Basketball Varsity Head Coach	Alison Osborne	\$4,988.00
Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach	Joseph Hasson	\$3,491.00
Boys Basketball Junior High Head Coach	Jared Smith	\$3,242.00
Boys Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach	To be determined	\$3,043.00
Girls Basketball Junior High Head Coach	Cynthia Crimmel	\$3,242.00
Girls Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach	To be determined	\$2,993.00
Swimming Varsity Head Coach	Derek Henning	\$4,554.00
Swimming/Diving Varsity Assistant Coach	James Gingerich	\$2,909.00



Swimming Varsity Assistant Coach	Kaylyn Godman	\$2,959.00
Wrestling Varsity Head Coach	Tyke Conover	\$5,300.00
Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach	Dakota Laughman	\$2,668.25
Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach	Thomas Harbert	\$2,668.25
Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach	Zurich Storm	\$2,618.25
Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach	Anthony Miller	\$2,818.25
Wrestling Junior High Head Coach	Joshua Ross	\$4,481.00
Wrestling Junior High Assistant Coach	Seth Strausbaugh	\$3,183.00
Cheerleading Varsity Basketball	To be determined	\$1,828.00
Cheerleading Junior High Basketball	To be determined	\$1,189.00
Cheerleading Varsity Wrestling	To be determined	\$1,828.00
Cheerleading Junior High Wrestling	To be determined	\$1,189.00
Bowling Varsity Head Coach	Jason Baker	\$3,000.00

- F. **GUEST SUBSTITUTES** – Approval of the following individuals holding a bachelor’s degree and completing the District’s Guest Teacher orientation program to substitute teach in all subject areas during the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$110.00 per day and \$125.00 per day beginning on the 21st day cumulative, provisionally hired pending receipt of updated clearances and completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers:

- 1) Laura Cunningham
- 2) Charles Jacobs

- G. **ACT 86 DAY-TO-DAY STUDENT SUBSTITUTES** – Approval of the following Act 86 substitutes for a maximum of 20 days for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$110.00 per day, provisionally hired pending receipt of updated clearances and completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers:

- 1) Kayla Horton-Cayenne

- H. **CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** – Approval of the following classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year at the hourly rates indicated on the Support Staff Compensation (Minimum Salary) Matrix, provisionally hired pending receipt of updated clearances, and completed Act 168 disclosure forms from previous employers:

- 1) Lindsay Fascetta
- 2) Susan Parr

**PERSONNEL REPORT / FOR INFORMATION ONLY****FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) LEAVES GRANTED:**

<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>BUILDING</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE LEAVE BEGINS (approximately)</i>	<i>DATE LEAVE ENDS (approximately)</i>
Erin Tanczos	SGE	4 th Grade	11/02/2022	11/24/2022

CURRICULUM BOARD ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- A. **WILKES UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT** – Approval to enter into agreement with Wilkes University and provide clinical education to the University’s students enrolled in its Nursing degree programs.
- B. **YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AFFILIATION AGREEMENT** – Approval to enter into agreement with York College of Pennsylvania (YCP) for the district to share YCP communications to staff regarding recruitment events in exchange for discounted tuition rates for course enrollment.
- C. **TRIP REQUEST** – Approval for Dan Brenner, High School Music Teacher, to accompany a high school student to National Harbor, MD, for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Honors Ensemble Festival at Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center on Thursday, November 3-6, 2022.
- D. **TRIP REQUEST** – Approval for Brian Hastings, High School Science Teacher, and Janet Senft, High School Aide, to accompany high school students to Centerville, MD, for the Rocket Launch at Maryland Delaware Rocketry Association (MDRA) on Saturday, November 5, or Sunday, November 6, 2022.
- E. **TRIP REQUEST** – Approval for Brian Hastings, High School Science Teacher, and Janet Senft, High School Aide, to accompany high school students to Price, MD, for the Rocket Launch at Maryland Delaware Rocketry Association (MDRA) on a Saturday or Sunday in December 2022 (depending on weather).
- F. **TRIP REQUEST** – Approval for Brian Hastings, High School Science Teacher, and Janet Senft, High School Aide, to accompany high school students to Price, MD, for the Rocket Launch at Maryland Delaware Rocketry Association (MDRA) on a Saturday or Sunday in January 2023 (depending on weather).
- G. **TRIP REQUEST** – Approval for Dan Fake, Susan Gross, and Kyle Showalter, Middle School Music Department teachers, and multiple parent chaperones, to accompany middle school students to Elysburg, PA, to perform at Knoebels Amusement Park on Friday, May 19, 2023.



SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring Grove, Pennsylvania

TO: Board of School Directors

FROM: Dr. George W. Ioannidis, Superintendent

PREPARED BY: Dr. Steven Guadagnino, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: October 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposal for Major Trip / Request Expedited

The enclosed "Proposal for Major Trip" request is being presented for the board's consideration of approval at the October 24th voting meeting due to time constraints:

Modern Music at Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD on November 3-6, 2022.

Information regarding this proposal is included in board packets. A student of the Modern Music Band has been accepted into the 2022 NAFME All-National Honors Ensemble Modern Band as a vocalist/guitarist. Acceptance is the highest level to which a high school musician can advance. He will have the opportunity to work with the best high school musicians from across the nation. Mr. Dan Brenner will accompany the student throughout the trip and have opportunity to attend the 2022 National In-Service Musica Education Conference running concurrently with the Modern Music ensembles/rehearsals.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Guadagnino or me prior to the meeting so any concerns may be addressed at the meeting. Thank you.



Spring Grove Area School District
Proposal for Major Trip

AP #121
Attachment

TITLE of TRIP: National Association for Music Education All-National Honors Ensemble Festival

DESTINATION: National Harbor, MD (Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center)

PROPOSED TRIP DATES (*specify student instructional days missed*):

Thursday, November 3 – Sunday, November 6, 2022 (Student will miss 1.5 instructional days.)

TRIP SUPERVISION:

Who will be in charge? Daniel Brenner, High School Director of Modern Music

How many adults will be required to attend this trip to ensure safety and to act as chaperones?

Mr. Brenner will be accompanying student, Jorge Caraballo, throughout the trip, including all transportation (via car). Upon arrival, Jorge will be chaperoned throughout the event by security organized by National Association for Music Education (NAfME). At all times, there will be access to a nurse and other necessary personnel in order to ensure a safe stay.

BENEFITS of PARTICIPATION / RELATIONSHIP TO THE CURRICULUM:

Jorge Caraballo, a junior at Spring Grove Area High School, has been accepted into the 2022 NAfME All-National Honors Ensemble Modern Band as a vocalist/guitarist. Acceptance into this ensemble was based on his video audition sent electronically and judged by NAfME. This is the highest level to which a high school musician can advance. This is a major opportunity for Spring Grove to make a national presence in music education. Jorge is the eighth student from Spring Grove to be accepted into an All-National Honors Ensemble. In addition, Jorge received a scholarship which pays for most the cost of his registration (\$800.00 value).

Jorge will have the opportunity to work with the best high school musicians from across the nation. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Jorge to understand how advanced music and musical ensembles operate. The ensemble will be under the direction of Dr. Bryan Powell, from Montclair State University.

While in National Harbor, MD, Mr. Brenner will have the opportunity to attend the 2022 National In-Service Music Education Conference, which runs concurrently with the All-National ensemble rehearsals and sessions. (Teachers rotate chaperone responsibilities so others can attend the conference). Mr. Brenner will be attending workshops, conferences, and seminars that relate directly to his position at Spring Grove. This is a tremendous opportunity for Mr. Brenner to work with world-renowned pedagogues to bring inspiring and research-based material back to Spring Grove to share with music colleagues. All Music National Standards will be emphasized throughout the conference, and through Jorge's experiences.

Who will be eligible to attend this trip?

Jorge Caraballo is eligible to attend. No one else qualified.

PERFORMANCES / EXCHANGES / DETAILED ITINERARY:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

11 AM Departure from Spring Grove Area High School
2:00 – 4:00 PM Registration and check-in
4:00 – 6:45 PM Rehearsal
4:00 – 4:45 PM Director Orientation
6:45 – 7:15 PM Break
7:30 – 9:00 PM Welcome Dinner
9:30 PM Room checks

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:45 – 8:30 AM Breakfast
8:30 – 12:30 AM Rehearsal
12:30 – 1:15 PM Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 PM Rehearsal
3:30 – 4:00 PM Break
4:15 – 5:15 PM Rehearsal
5:15 – 5:45 PM Break
6:00 – 6:45 PM Dinner
7:00 – 9:00 PM Game Night
9:00 – 10:15 PM Ice Cream Social
10:30 PM Room checks

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:45 – 8:30 AM Breakfast
8:45 – 11:30 AM Rehearsal/Sound Checks
11:45 – 12:30 PM Lunch
12:45 – 1:30 PM Keynote Speaker
1:45 – 4:00 PM Rehearsal/Sound Checks
4:00 – 4:30 PM Break
4:45 – 5:30 PM Dinner
5:30 – 6:00 PM Change for concerts
6:30 – 10:00 PM Modern Band, Guitar Ensemble, Mixed Choir, and Jazz Band Concerts
10:00 – 10:30 PM Medal Ceremony
10:45 PM Room checks

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 – 8:45 AM Breakfast
9:30 – 10:45 AM Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band Concerts
12:00 PM Students Dismissed – Drive back to Spring Grove – Estimated Return Time – 2 PM

HEALTH / SAFETY:

What plan will be in place to address health and safety issues?

Mr. Brenner will be traveling with a school first aid bag specifically designed for Jorge Caraballo. Once in National Harbor, MD, medical aid will be available at all times. If Jorge becomes ill, all necessary steps will be taken to ensure that appropriate attention is given to him to address his needs. Chaperones will constantly be monitoring all meals, transportation, rehearsals, and hotel hallways throughout the night.

TRAVEL AGENCY CONTACT *(if Agency is being used):*

N/A

COSTS:

Cost to Student:

\$0

Cost to District:

Transportation:

Mr. Brenner will drive in a personal vehicle to and from the convention center. At the 2022 rate of \$0.625 per mile for 105 miles each way, this will cost \$131.25.

Teacher Registration:

\$245.00 / Mr. Brenner

\$235.00 / night for hotel (3 nights)

Meals:

Breakfast:	\$39.00 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Lunch:	\$42.00 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Dinner:	<u>\$69.00 (Thurs, Fri, Sat)</u>
	\$150.00

Chaperone:

Substitute for Mr. Brenner for one and a half (1.5) instructional days

Overall Costs				
Jorge Caraballo			Mr. Brenner	
\$875	Registration, housing, meals, events		\$131.25	Possible mileage reimbursement
+ \$800	Received a scholarship.		\$245.00	Conference Registration
			\$705.00	Hotel Cost
			\$150.00	Meals
\$75.00	Total		\$1231.25	Total



ATHLETICS AND MUSIC BOARD ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- 1) **OVERNIGHT CONFERENCE REQUEST** – Approval for Jeff Laux, Student Athletic Coordinator, to attend the 2023 Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Annual Conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA, March 21-24, 2023.