



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

DATE/TIME of MEETING: June 12, 2023, @ 7:07

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, Ben Ramsay, Michael Ritz, Rachel Rohrbaugh,
Rodney Shearer, Doug Stein, Doug White, Nicole Wilson

The following School Directors were absent:
Dave Trettel

The following Spring Grove Area School District Administrators were in attendance:
Dr. George W. Ioannidis, Superintendent
Dr. Steve Guadagnino, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Michelle Ludwig, Director of Pupil Services
Mark Czapp, Director of Business Operations/Board Secretary

A Directors' Study meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, following adjournment of the voting meeting. Rachel Rohrbaugh, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM, noting the same eight 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 presented budgetary transfers for the 2022-2023 school year. The board will consider approval of the proposed transfers at the June 26th regular voting meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Ioannidis shared an update related to the Maintenance Facility project. At recent conversations with Jackson Township officials, it was shared that potential parking space requests and other considerations related to the YMCA project could potentially impact more than one acre of district property. The township's suggestion was for the district to consider submitting one permit combining all proposed campus projects, reducing the engineering work and costs of numerous permit applications. A "Master Plan" was suggested to include various "phases" (with each phase requiring board approval as the district moves through each project). Next steps would include a conversation with First Capital to determine their interest in doing the proposed master plan and all projects associated with the various phases. The YMCA would be responsible for their costs related to their facility.

Bill Stiles reported that individual project permits would increase the cost and extend the timing by as much as two years. Ioannidis stated that a Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 21 and proposed having a conversation with First Capital beforehand to determine their interest in taking on the additional projects. Ioannidis affirmed that the proposal on the table is a recommendation to create a master plan for all proposed campus projects. While some board members stated their hesitancy to move forward and spend money to commit to projects that have yet to be approved by the School Board, others noted there is no cost for

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an engineer to consider combining the projects. The next step will be to bring information back to the Board following the committee meeting on June 21st.

Ioannidis reported that the YMCA continues with the design phase of the building and is intending to propose updates to the Board at a future meeting. Fundraising efforts also continue, and the YMCA is working with the Spring Grove Area Regional Parks and Recreation Committee (SGRPRC) regarding the revised Governmental Interagency Agreement among municipalities and the school district. The administration will include updates on a future Board agenda as details are finalized.

The addition of PA Flight Club (Track and Field) to the Waiver of Use of Facilities Fees was presented for consideration. The Board will consider approval at the June 26th regular voting meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICY

Per a Memorandum, Dr. Ludwig proposed continuing with Dr. Farrington as school physician for the 2023-2024 school year. Ludwig and Ioannidis have spoken with Everside Health about contracting for these services, along with potential nurses, in the future. Currently, the physician provides physicals for students needing services in addition to providing advice on specific student issues. The Board will consider approval at the June 26 regular voting meeting.

Mr. Czapp indicated Mrs. Baum confirmed interest in continuing as YAA representative. The Board will consider approval to reappoint Baum at the June 26 regular voting meeting.

Ioannidis presented the proposed Operational Plan for 2023-2024. The Board will consider approval at the June 26 regular voting meeting.

Ioannidis stated that several policies for consideration were presented during the Policy Committee Meeting held earlier this evening. Policies will be included on the June 26th Directors' Study Forum for review and discussion before moving forward for consideration of approval of a first reading in July.

Ludwig presented a draft of the Code of Student Conduct, included as part of the Student/Parent proposed handbook, and asked Board members to respond to her with any recommended changes prior to the next regularly scheduled discussion meeting on June 26. The policies and proposed handbook items will be included for review and discussion during the June 26th Directors Study Forum.

Ioannidis reported that the results of the final 2022-2023 Student/Staff/Parent Survey are being compiled, and the administration will request the Board Committee preview the information before bringing them to the full board.

PERSONNEL

Stein presented a confidential Memorandum proposing personnel actions to consider at the June 26th voting meeting. Karen Baum asked for executive session following adjournment of the meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ATHLETICS AND MUSIC

Wilson presented proposed 2023-2024 OSS agreements for contracted services for review. Ioannidis noted that that agreements include Athletic Trainer, physician services, and substitute services. The Board questioned if the charges associated with the proposed agreement reflected an increase; Ioannidis will investigate prior year invoices and respond prior to a request for approval at the June 26 regular voting meeting.

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CURRICULUM

Dr. Guadagnino reported that when new/revised courses are approved, the curricular team considers new/revised materials/resources to implement the class/es. Samples of materials recommended are available at the ESC for anyone wishing to review. The Board will consider approval of the list of textbooks/resources at the June 26th regular voting meeting.

The Board reviewed an affiliation agreement between the School District and Albright College. The Board will consider approval of the proposed agreement at the June 26th regular voting meeting.

The Board considered two proposed annual conference / overnight requests for approval:

- Technology Department personnel to attend the MacAdmins East Coast Conference; and,
- Facilities Manager, Bill Stiles, to attend the PASBO Steel Eagle Leadership Institute.

The Board will consider approval of the requests at the June 26 regular voting meeting.

PLANNING:

Stein presented a request to consider dedicating the recently approved scoreboard at the Stadium at the first varsity game scheduled in the stadium. The administration will take the request under consideration.

Board members asked if they might receive an update regarding the Rocket Wellness Center. Ioannidis will provide an update at the June 26 DSF meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ritz moved for adjournment at 8:07 PM. Baum seconded. The meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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