

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
January 6, 2011
Trinity High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President, Sandra Clutter, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Sandra Clutter, Henry Clemens, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, James Knapp and Dennis McWreath

Absent: Thomas Bodnovich, Jack Keisling, Tamara Salvatori

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent; Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Month for November and December – *January 20 meeting*

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Diane Ecker, South Strabane Township, commented on the focus of the Operational Plan and the report by Dr. Manley.
- Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, thanked the new food service director and questioned policy 123.1.
- Cindy Shaw, North Franklin Township, commented on the food service department.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

4.1 Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Report for November, 2010

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,650,019.32 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$164,467.40 (Enclosures 4.2)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Knapp, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval); 1 abstention (McWreath)

4.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted

4.4 Approval is recommended for the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted

4.5 Approval is recommended for the 2011-12 Budget Resolution, as submitted

- 4.6 Approval is recommended for the 2009-10 Reserves, including PSERS in the amount of \$175,000, as submitted
- 4.7 Approval is recommended for the Intermediate Unit Classroom Rental lease Agreement for 2010-11 as submitted
- 4.8 Approval is recommended for the Mercantile Tax Audit Reports for Canton, North Franklin, and South Strabane Townships for the year 2009 as prepared by J.H. Williams and Company, CPA's as submitted
- 4.9 Nicolle Bazant Pleil, Food Service Director, updated the Board on the transition of the Food Service Department noting several items where improvements have been made.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Interval to accept the resignation of Thomas Bodnovich as a School Board Member effective January 31, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the resignation of Sandra Clutter as School Board Treasurer effective December 9, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to name Colleen Interval as School Board Treasurer effective December 9, 2010 for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Interval to name Dennis Makel as the solicitor for the Trinity Area School Board for a one year term, with the stipulation that Mr. Makel would advise the Board on all matters with the exception of personnel.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. McWreath to continue the contracted services of Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham, LLP as labor consultants for a one year term.

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nay (Knapp)

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following items
 - A Family Medical Leave for employee C.M. effective approximately January 30, 2011, not to exceed twelve weeks
 - A Family Medical Leave for employee W.M. effective December 22, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks
 - The resignation of Kristen Savoie as Middle School Girls Assistant Softball Coach, effective December 10, 2011

- To amend the effective date of Robert M. Thornton as the Seventh Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach to be effective November 15, 2010
- To employ Clarence W. Edwards as the Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Coach at the first step (\$2000), effective December 10, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. McWreath to employ Michelle Zeh as a long term substitute, effective January 5, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the 2011 Trinity Area School Board committees and meeting times

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

Dr. Kasunich updated the Board on the 2010 Summer School students' academic performance, noting that the report was a preliminary overview of the first nine week period. He also reported that Trinity Area School District and W & J College have expanded partnership. W & J education students will be providing tutoring support in all buildings beginning approximately February 3, 2011.

Mrs. Weaver gave an update on the Operational Plan progress to date. She indicated that On-Hand Schools data tracking program was being used to monitor students' progress as well as District Data Teams. Also, consultants from KECG were in the process of meeting with teachers to discuss inclusionary practices. She noted the four week summer school program, a pilot program for flexible grouping in third grade math, pre A.P. classes at the middle school and the expansion of A.P. classes at the high school as well as the instruction help from W & J students were all in place to increase academic rigor. Principals are monitoring teachers web updates and after school technology training is being offered to teachers.

Mr. Snoke addressed the Board regarding clarification of a High School attendance policy letter.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

- 6.1 Approval is recommended for the Lease Agreement for Laboratory Elementary School between the Intermediate Unit and Trinity Area School District
- 6.2 Approval is recommended for lighting retro-fit upgrade for the Middle School and elementary schools, not to exceed \$256,455. – *Mr. Kuzman*

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

10. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. McWreath to rescind policy 123.1 – Hiring of Athletic Coaches/Directors/Supervisors

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative
No Report

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day and Colleen Interval, Representatives
No Report

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative
No Report

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative
No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

13.1 Hearing of Citizens on non-agenda items

- Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, commented on the full day kindergarten program.
- Jane Anne Songer, South Strabane Township, commented on the audit of the Athletic Department.
- Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, questioned the meetings between coaches and legal counsel.
- Debbie Dye and Jodi VanVarenburg,, Amwell Township, commented on a change to a bus route.
- Kerri McIlvaine, South Strabane Township, commented on legal fees incurred by the District.
- Deanna Kraeer, South Strabane Township, commented on the Operational Plan.
- Robert DeFillippo, North Franklin Township, commented on the possibility of implementing parent and student advisory committees.

13.2 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held January 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

13.3 An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

11. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Education