

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
March 3, 2011
Trinity High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President, Sandra Clutter, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: , Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Ronald Harton, Colleen Interval, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Henry Clemens

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.

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to add personnel items 5.1, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.10 to the agenda for action.
Motion carried unanimously.

- 1.5 Approval of Minutes from February 3 and February 17, 2011 meetings

RECOGNITIONS

- 2.1 Students of the Month for February and Benjamin Jagger, High School Student of the Month for January – *March 17 meeting*
- 2.2 Congratulations to Trinity Middle School's MathCounts team for placing third in the Washington County Chapter competition at Washington and Jefferson College on February 5. Team members include: Kyle Kozlowski, Captain, Joshua Coatsworth, Joshua Easterday and Eva Gnegy. Participating "athletes" were Ben Artuso, Cole Filer, Linnea Asplin and Casey Shaw. Kyle Kozlowski was the 7th place individual and Ben Artuso and Cole Filer were honored as the top two sixth graders in the competition
- 2.3 Congratulations to Trinity Middle School students who participated in the Fourth Annual Primary Source History Day competition at California University on Monday, February 14. Junior Division winners included: 2nd place Group Performance – Abigail Dessart, Michelle Biksey, Harrison Huang and Casey Shaw; 1st place Group Website – Matthew Richmond, Jonathan Florian and Joshua Coatsworth; 3rd place Group Website – Delaney Elling and Eva Gnegy. In the Group Exhibit category 1st place winners were Toby Cullings and Brandon Wolfe; 2nd place, Mackenzie Martin and Lauren Guffey; 3rd place, Kyle Kozlowski, Rachel Phillis, Joe Cook, Stephen Aber and Kera Curry. The students will enter their projects in the National History Day Regional Competition at Heinz History Center on March 12.
- 2.4 Congratulations to the Trinity Rifle Team on winning the WPIAL Championship. Coach John Husk and Captains Emma Uchida and Aaron Shuba represented the team.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, questioned the procedure to purchase uniforms for the baseball team. She also discussed the change of the chairperson of the Personnel Committee.
- Deborah Dye, Amwell Township, discussed a transportation issue and noted several meetings that had taken place regarding the issue.
- Jodi VanVarenburg, Amwell Township, also discussed the change in a bus route in Amwell Township.
- Alice Murphy, South Strabane Township, discussed the district's possible withdrawal from the IU 1 Health Consortium.
- Jennifer Sander, South Strabane Township, discussed Full Day Kindergarten.
- Patti Ann Berton, South Strabane Township, noted issues before the board that need action.
- Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township, thanked the Board and Administration for giving students the opportunity to work with Dr. Schaughency on the belief statement.

Mr. Keisling discussed the issue of health care and requested that the minutes reflect information from the I.U. regarding the issue. Dr. Kasunich reiterated that the Intermediate Unit would be given an opportunity make a presentation at a public meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

4.1 Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Report for January, 2011

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$645,590.74 (Enclosure 4.2)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Salvatori, Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling, Knapp); 1 nay (McWreath)

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted (Enclosure 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

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 to close out the Debt Service Fund and transfer balance to the General Fund (auditor recommendation). (The balance as of 1/31/11 was \$15,409.79)

- 4.6 Approval is recommended for the Trinity Area School District to withdraw from the Intermediate Unit 1 Health Insurance Consortium Trust by giving written notice to the Trustee and all other member school districts of IU 1 by March 31, 2011 to be effectively withdrawn June 30, 2011
- 4.7 Approval is recommended for the Trinity Area School District to enter into the agreement with the Caputo Insurance Agency for its proposed Self-Insured Plan, which is compliant with our Collective Bargaining Agreements, for an effective date of July 1, 2011, and all necessary agreements for each component of the Self-Insured Plan

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the following:
 - 5.1 The resignation of Jason Cheskawich as Brass Captain Coordinator for the band, effective February 9, 2011
 - 5.2 Family Medical Leave for employee J.R. on an intermittent basis, effective February 9, 2011, not to exceed one year
 - 5.5 Employment of Tonya Lewis as a substitute teacher (Biology certification), effective February 7, 2011
 - 5.6 Employment of Janet Haight as a substitute teacher (Social Studies certification), effective February 7, 2011
 - 5.7 Employment of Amy Conley as a substitute teacher (elementary education certification) effective February 21, 2011
 - 5.10 Employment of Ryan Hagerman as the Varsity Assistant Track/Field Coach, effective March 7, 2011 at a salary of \$4500
 - 5.14 Employment of Matthew Wylie as a custodian, effective March 4, 2011
 - 5.15 Employment of Matthew Ricupero as a computer technician, effective March 7, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.3 Approval is recommended for a Family Medical Leave for employee C.S. effective approximately May 4, 2011 not to exceed twelve weeks.
- 5.4 Approval is recommended for a Family Medical Leave for employee A.B. effective approximately March 22, 2011 not to exceed twelve weeks.
- 5.8 Approval is recommended for Dawn Whirlow as a clerical, cafeteria and special service aide substitute, effective March 20, 2011
- 5.9 Approval is recommended for Lisa Waters as a part-time cafeteria employee, effective March 18, 2011

- 5.11 Approval is recommended to grant tenure status to Jennifer Sylves
- 5.12 Approval is recommended to grant tenure status to Erin Georgalas
- 5.13 Approval is recommended for the Graduate Athletic Training Internship Agreement with California University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

- 6.1 Approval is recommended to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of the Agreement with the Intermediate Unit 1 Washington County Alternative School Consortium
- 6.2 Approval is recommended to adopt the School Calendar for the 2011-2012 year as submitted

Dr. Kasunich reported on Full Day Kindergarten indicating that it was the recommendation of the Education Committee to continue to offer a full day program. He also updated the Board on course offerings at the high school which did not have an enrollment of fifteen students, noting courses that may not run.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

- 5. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the WACTC Resolution and Right of Way Agreement with Allegheny Power as submitted (Enclosure 7.1)
Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the maintenance agreement with Tri-State Fitness as submitted (Enclosure 7.2)
Motion carried unanimously

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

- 8.1 Approval is recommended to add the Trinity South Baseball Boosters to the list of Approved Groups as per Administrative Regulation 707-4

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

Dr. Kasunich reported that the following meetings are scheduled:

- Finance – March 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Policy – March 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Education – March 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Board of Education - March 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.(High School Auditorium)
- An executive session was held Tuesday, February 22 and this evening, Thursday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. for personnel purposes.

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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