

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Planning Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2008  
Board Room – Trinity Hall  
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis McWreath at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi.

Others present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent; Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Brungo, solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Absent: James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Bodnovich requested that PSSA scores, and outsourcing be added under New Business.

1. Motion by Fetcko, seconded by Knapp to approve the agenda.  
Motion passed 8-1 (Chambers)

Public Comment on Agenda Items (please state name, address and topic)

Grant Minor, South Strabane Twp., spoke in support of the adoption of Lacrosse as a school sponsored sport.

2. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Puglisi to hear Mr. Dalton's report on Lacrosse.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dalton reported that if Lacrosse were adopted, practices would be put on the rotation schedule for fields with the other spring sports. He also reported on the cost of equipment and contributions to the Lacrosse program by the current booster club – ENCLOSURES 8A and 8A<sup>1</sup>.

Communications

Correspondence from Representative Timothy Solobay regarding House Bill 258 was read. Also, a letter to Dr. Turnbaugh from Mary Crosbie Nist, a member of the Class of 1925 was shared with the board.

Mr. McWreath asked if there had been any further communication regarding the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006 and gaming revenues. The board requested that Dr. Turnbaugh again communicate with legislators regarding this issue.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bill Lists, Cafeteria Report, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H

Mr. McWreath requested a correction to the February 21 minutes to indicate the Washington Mall Tax Assessment appeal resolution would be approved pending a possible meeting with South Strabane Township, if requested.

Superintendent's Report

- A. First reading of revised Policy 913 –Relations with Special Interest Groups – ENCLOSURE 5A
- B. Second reading of the following revised policies: Policy 121 -Field Trips; Policy 122 - Extracurricular Activities; and Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics - ENCLOSURE 5B

It was the consensus of the board that additional revisions be made to Policies 913 and 123.

- C. Dr. Turnbaugh reported on his visit to the Pennsylvania Department of Education concerning Trinity South Elementary School and the bond issues on that building.
- D. A meeting was scheduled regarding Trinity South Elementary on March 18, 2008 at Trinity South cafeteria
- E. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that the cost of drug dog searches at the high school was being investigated.
- F. IU 1 Expenditure at Laboratory School – ENCLOSURE 5D
- G. Pittsburgh Regional Compact –ENCLOSURE 5E
- H. 2008-09 School Calendar- ENCLOSURE 5F
- J. Mrs. Weaver’s attendance at the PASA Women’s Caucus – April 30-May 2-ENCLOSURE 5G

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- A. Recognitions:  
Mrs. Weaver indicated that students of the Month and Student Representatives will be present at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Business Manager’s Report

- Dr. Turnbaugh indicated Mr. Shargots will present the following items at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:
- A. Tom Kinney, H.T. Capital Markets –ENCLOSURE 7B
  - B. LJS Development Corporation Tower Report- ENCLOSURE 7A
  - C. Broadcasting Meetings
  - D. Equipment Inventory – ENCLOSURE 7C

Administrators/Supervisors’ Reports

- A. Director of Athletics/Activities -
  - 1. Sponsorship procedures/Fee schedules/Guidelines- ENCLOSURE 8

Solicitor’s Report

None

President’s Report

Mr. McWreath reported on the Consortium for Public Education Conference to be held April 17 in Greensburg and asked if there was interest in participating, noting that the date was also that of a board meeting. It was decided that the board would not participate and hold its meeting at Trinity as scheduled. – ENCLOSURE 10A

Mr. Dalton reported on the Hall of Fame and that the first group would be inducted this spring. Mr. Miller, Mr. Puglisi and Mr. Chambers will serve on the nominating committee.

Old Business

Mr. Puglisi and Mr. Clemens reported on the background and status of NFRBA (LERTA).

New Business

Mrs. Weaver indicated that information on the PSSA test was included in the board packets.

Mr. Bodnovich suggested that outsourcing some employees be investigated. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that most of the employees were part of a bargaining unit.

Public Comment

Scott Day, Amwell Twp., and Joe Wilkerson, South Strabane Twp., spoke regarding the status of the wrestling program and the desire of the booster club to take the program in a new direction.

3. Motion by Fetcko, seconded by Knapp to adjourn to executive session.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to an executive at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and contracts with no action to follow.

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James R. Shargots, Secretary  
Trinity Area Board of Directors