

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
February 5, 2009
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Samuel Puglisi followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Jenifer Fetcko, James Knapp, John Keisling, and Dennis McWreath

Absent: Henry Clemens and Jeffrey Miller

Others present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent, Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Andreas Dometakis, HHS DR Architects and Paul Kuzman, Director of Facilities discussed the 2009 summer construction schedule – ENCLOSURE 2A, and the proposed layout of the turf at Hiller Stadium – ENCLOSURE 2B.

John Zvitnovik, CPA, Hosak, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, discussed the Audit report for the 2007-08 school year – ENCLOSURE 3A.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Communications

None

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.

Superintendent's Report

- A. Second reading of the following revised policies: - ENCLOSURES 5A
- 302 - Employment of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent
 - 303 - Employment of Administrators
 - 404 - Employment of Professional Employees
 - 405 - Employment of Substitutes
 - 406 - Employment of Summer School Staff
 - 407 - Employment of Student Teachers
 - 504 - Employment of Classified Employees
 - 505 - Employment of Substitute and Short Term Employees
 - 911 - News Media Relations
- B. First reading of the following revised policies: - ENCLOSURES 5B
- 008 - Organization Chart
 - 404.1 - Nepotism
 - 913 - Relations with Special Interest Groups
 - 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

Dr. Turnbaugh discussed Graduation Competency Assessment legislation being introduced by Senator Orietta – ENCLOSURES 5C, gave an update on the Point of Sale program and discussed the counseling program –

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognitions: – (*February 19 meeting*)
 - Student Representatives - Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate
 - High School and Middle School Students of the Month for January
- B. Consortium for Public Education grant proposals – (*February 19 meeting*)
 - Mary Ann Berty - Shakespeare on the Hill
 - Carolyn Diederich - Picture Me Proficient

Mrs. Weaver discussed proposed High School courses for 2009-10– ENCLOSURE 6A. She also reviewed the status of the goals of the middle and high school principals for the current school year. Mrs. Weaver also reported on the success of the full day kindergarten program, indicating that data shows the students who attended full day kindergarten had a higher level of achievement.

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve that the kindergarten program be offered on a full-day basis only beginning the 2009-10 school year.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to continue to offer the option of a half-day program. On a roll call vote, motion failed: 2 ayes (Bodnovich, Keisling); 5 nays (Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Puglisi)

On a roll call vote, motion to approve a full day only kindergarten program carried: 5 ayes (Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Puglisi); 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling)

Business Manager's Report

- A. Audit Report for 2007-08 school year – ENCLOSURE 3A
- B. Trinity West Landscaping bid – ENCLOSURE 7B (*to be distributed February 19*)
- C. Credit Card Resolution to increase \$5,000 limit to \$10,000

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the submission of local, state, federal and E-rate applications for the 2009-10 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Eric Ryan Corporation
- E. Revenue projections – ENCLOSURE 7D
- F. Washington County Earned Income Tax Collector Seminar – ENCLOSURE 7E
- G. Board Accident Insurance – ENCLOSURE 7F
- H. Bill Listings for release and held for approval
- I. Capital Reserve Account – ENCLOSURE 7G
- J. Real Estate tax liens – ENCLOSURE 7H

Administrator's/Supervisors Reports

Mr. Charles Braden, Principal, Trinity South Elementary School, reviewed information presented at the CAC meeting on room use in the elementary buildings– ENCLOSURE 10A.

Mr. Ed Dalton, Director of Activities/Athletics discussed the possible use of the Middle School pool by the public.

Gloria Nalepka, Principal, Trinity West - (*February 19 meeting*)

- West students

Don Snoke, Principal, High School - (*February 19 meeting*)

- Public use of high school library

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi announced that the February 19 Board meeting will be held at Trinity West Elementary; he reminded members that the PSBA Board workshop is scheduled for March 2 from 3 – 9 p.m. in the Board Room and reported on the findings of the State Audit – ENCLOSURE 11A.

Old Business

Mr. McWreath suggested that a goal of the Board may be to implement programs which would increase parental involvement.

New Business

Mr. Chambers discussed the lack of storage space in the high school. He also reminded the Board of the IU Convention to be held March 24th and asked that they attend in order to support his bid for re-election to the IU Board.

Public Comment

Ken Bonnell, Canton Township, commented on the revision of Policy 913 – Relations with Special Interest Groups.

Mr. Keisling left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

The Board met in an executive session from 8:55 – 10:00 p.m.

3. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve a 2.5 percent increase in salary for four years for the tax collectors salaries– ENCLOSURE 12E.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Puglisi directed that the following statement be recorded for the public record:

I have been advised by Mr. Bodnovich that he erred in voting in the affirmative to approve his daughter, Danielle M. Bodnovich, as a substitute nurse at the August 21, 2008 Board meeting. Dr. Turnbaugh has also informed me that it was his responsibility to inform Mr. Bodnovich that there was a conflict with our Nepotism Policy - 404.1 and he failed to do so. As such, the record should have reflected an abstention by Mr. Bodnovich rather than an affirmative vote.

Mr. Puglisi adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

James Shargots, Secretary

Trinity Area School District Board of Directors