

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
January 8, 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, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller, and Samuel Puglisi

Absent: Henry Clemens

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.

John Zvitnovik, CPA, Hosak, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, discussed the Amwell Township Water Authority Agreed-Upon Procedures report. Mr. Chambers and Mr. McWreath reported on the ATWA meeting held December 18.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

President's Report – ENCLOSURES 3A

Mr. Puglisi reported on a PSBA workshop which he, Mrs. Fetcko and Dr. Turnbaugh attended and indicated his desire to set goals and objectives for the school board for this year. He cited the following principals he would like to implement during meetings: all discussion should pertain to the question; how the discussion can help our children should be kept in mind; there should be no interruptions; all agenda requests should be honored and handled on a timely basis giving the administration time to investigate and answer the question; and majority rules. He also asked for professional courtesy during the meetings and requested that all questions, particularly to the solicitor, go through the Superintendent.

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. First 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
- 913 - Relations with Special Interest Groups

B. IU Classroom Lease Agreement 2008-09 – ENCLOSURE 5B

Dr. Turnbaugh reported on a comparison of Trinity’s nepotism policy with that of other school districts– ENCLOSURES 5C. It was the consensus of the board that the nepotism policy would not be revised at this time.

He also indicated that the Point of Sale program is scheduled to be in place in all buildings during January.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

A. Recognitions: – *(January 22 meeting)*

- Student Representatives - Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate
- High School and Middle School Students of the Month

B. Keystone Achievement Awards – *(January 22 meeting)*

C. Math/Reading support report – ENCLOSURE 6A

D. Follow-up visit to Freedom High School, January 28, 2009 at 7 a.m. and visit to Frazier School District

E. Literacy Coaches survey – ENCLOSURE 6B

Business Manager’s Report

A. Budget Resolution for 2009-10 – ENCLOSURE 8A

B. Tech Education equipment bids – ENCLOSURE 8B

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the 403B vendor list – ENCLOSURE 8C
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the spring 2009 fundraiser – ENCLOSURE 8D
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots discussed the Office Depot pilot program which will be expanded to include all general classroom supply bids for the 2009-10 school year.

He also addressed how it is determined whether or not a payment for a bill is held until approval is received from the Board.

Administrators/Supervisors Report

Mrs. Nalepka, Trinity West Elementary Principal, reported on a movie with a PG rating which was inadvertently shown in her school. She indicated steps have been taken to ensure that only G rated videos will be shown to students in the future.

Solicitor’s Report

3. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the agreement regarding settlement of a student due process matter as presented –ENCLOSURE 10A
Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi asked the board to review available dates in order to schedule a workshop with a PSBA representative – ENCLOSURE 11A. He also reported that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room.

Old Business

Mr. McWreath questioned public use of the high school library; Mr. Chambers questioned use of the middle school pool by the public.

New Business

Mr. McWreath reported on the Technology Committee meeting held in December. He referenced the number of laptops and smart classrooms in the district, and stated that eighty seven percent of students have access to the internet at home. He also noted that all of the elementary buildings have access to projectors and that the Committee discussed the possibility of every student having an e-mail address.

Public Comment

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, commented on the Nepotism Policy and questioned why the issue of hiring Trinity Area graduates should present a problem.

The board adjourned to an executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation with no action to follow.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors