

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
June 4, 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, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi

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.

Mr. Chambers asked the Board for a moment of silence in honor of Gail Hughes, retired middle school teacher, who passed away.

A PSBA video concerning school merger/consolidation was shown.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Communications

Mr. Keisling read a letter addressed to Mr. Puglisi requesting that the current board postpone action regarding renewal of the superintendent's contract.

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. Use of buildings by teachers for tutoring students
- B. Donations – 2008-09 school year – ENCLOSURE 5A
- C. District Mission Statement – ENCLOSURES 5B
- D. First reading of revised policy 815 – District Internet Safe and Acceptable Use for Computer Technology – ENCLOSURE 5C
- E. Counseling Program – Cindy Garda, Guidance Department Representative – ENCLOSURE 5D (*to be distributed*)– June 30 meeting

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the purchase of girls' varsity and middle school volleyball and boys' varsity and junior high soccer uniforms. – ENCLOSURE 5E
Motion carried unanimously.

F. Building permit fees – ENCLOSURE 5F

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- A. Visits to Greensburg Salem School District and Frazier School District
- B. Full day kindergarten curriculum – ENCLOSURE 6A
- C. Use of reading and math tutors

Business Manager's Report

- A. Contracts: fire alarm and extinguisher maintenance; doctors – ENCLOSURES 7A
- B. General liability, Errors and Omissions, Workers Compensation and School Police Insurance – ENCLOSURE 7B

- C. Authorize the Business Manager to make the necessary budget transfers following the June 30, 2009 closing and provide a list of these transfers at a subsequent board meeting.
- D. Arts and Science supplies – ENCLOSURES 7C
- E. School World Software website proposal – ENCLOSURE 7D

2. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve payment #1 to Fairfield Landscaping for landscaping of Trinity West Elementary in the amount of \$32,965
Motion carried unanimously.

Administrators/Supervisors Reports

A. Tom Sabol, Director of Food Service

- Vending Contract – ENCLOSURE 8A

B. Paul Kuzman, Director of Facilities

- Middle School roof contract

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve a change order to purchase thirty second clocks at the athletic stadium – ENCLOSURE 8C
Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi reminded the board that a Budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room, and that the next regular meeting will be held on June 30, 2009.

Old Business

Mrs. Fetcko reported that the Director of Citizens Library indicated that she did not feel that opening the high school library to the public would compete with Citizens Library.

Mr. Miller discussed the possible addition of bleachers at Hiller Stadium and lights at the high school field.

Mr. Knapp discussed the proposed Pennsylvania Department of Education Keystone Exams – ENCLOSURE 10A

4. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve a resolution opposing the proposed Keystone Exams.
Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Miller inquired about maintenance on high school and elementary fields.

Public Comment

None

The board met in an executive session from 7:45 – 9:41 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation.

Mr. Keisling and Mr. Bodnovich left during the executive session.

5. Motion by Mr Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

Employments: Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Head Girls Basketball Coach, effective June 5, 2009 for a three year period; Abby Tarr, from half time to full time elementary teacher, effective the 2009-10 school year – ENCLOSURE 12A
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following:

Resignations: J. Irene Argento, cafeteria worker, effective June 5, 2009; Jessica A. White, Marching Band Auxiliary Unit Coordinator effective June 8, 2009; Paula Anderson, elementary teacher, effective June 8, 2009; Sheena Morgan, elementary teacher, effective August 23, 2009

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. McWreath to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors