

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
March 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, Henry Clemens Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi

Absent: James Knapp

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.

Scott Putnam, President, PBSJ Engineering reported on proposed repairs to Trinity South Elementary and indicated that his recommendation would be to repair six classrooms and the room adjacent to the library. - ENCLOSURE 2A.

Cliff Shorts, ENSPEC Environmental Safety Consulting, Inc. reported on mold testing conducted in the Administration Building indicating that nothing out of the ordinary was found. - ENCLOSURE 2B

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. First reading of the following revised policies: - ENCLOSURES 5A
 - 008 - Organization Chart
 - 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
- B. 2009-10 School Calendar - ENCLOSURE 5B
- C. Revisions to the counseling program – Cindy Garda, Guidance Department Representative ENCLOSURE 5C (*March 19 meeting*)
- D. Dr. Turnbaugh discussed the Teen Outreach Program indicating that changes to include the program in fifth, sixth and seventh grades would be recommended for next school year- ENCLOSURE 5D

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognitions: - (*March 19 meeting*)
 - Student Representatives - Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate
 - High School and Middle School Students of the Month for February

- B. Mrs. Weaver compared Trinity Area's Curriculum Cycle criteria with that of a school district noted in an article of the November 28, 2008 issue of School Leader News.
- C. She reviewed the Strategic Planning process, indicating that a six year Strategic Plan is required by PDE, and the mid-point review would be conducted next school year. – ENCLOSURE 6A
- D. Mrs. Weaver reported that the School District has been awarded a \$16,000 grant from the Washington County Community Foundation. She noted that \$8,000 will be used for elementary guided reading and \$8,000 will be used to support the Accelerated Reading program in the elementary schools.

Business Manager's Report

- 1. Motion by Mr. Chambers seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve a contract for transportation of a student - ENCLOSURE 7A
Motion carried unanimously.

- A. WACTC 2009-10 Budget - ENCLOSURE 7B
- B. Public use of the high school library - ENCLOSURE 7C

Mr. Shargots presented the Board with a request from the youth football organization to reduce their bill for use of the football stadium. It was the consensus of the Board that the bill would not be reduced.

He also reported that a payment in the amount of \$72, 106.06 had been received from the ATWA.

- C. Budget calendar recap – ENCLOSURE 7D
- D. IU 2009-10 General Operational Budget - ENCLOSURE 7E
- E. Actuarial Study - Joe Duda, Duda Actuarial Consulting (*March 19 meeting*)
- F. Financial Statement – ENCLOSURE 7F

Administrator's/Supervisors Reports

Chad Daloia, Assistant Principal, High School, reported that the District has been awarded a \$60,000 Highmark Healthy High 5 grant. He noted that Physical Education teachers Ryan Hagerman, Tina Jones, Tim Trusler and Haden Watson were instrumental in the receipt of the grant. Dr. Turnbaugh acknowledged Mr. Daloia's efforts in securing the grant.– ENCLOSURE 9A

- Mark Harshman, Director of Safety/Security - School Safety Report comparison - ENCLOSURE 9B
-(*March 19 meeting*)

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Brungo compared employment policies and nepotism policies of other school districts with those of Trinity Area. He also reviewed T ASD Policy 911 – News Media Relations.- ENCLOSURES 10A

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi noted that PSBA videos would be presented each month beginning with the April meeting. He also informed the Board of the PA PIRC Building Capacity and Sustaining Partnerships Conference to be held March 31 at the Sheraton Four Point Pittsburgh North.

New Business

Mrs. Fetcko invited Board members to the SHASDA Roundtable Discussion, March 26 at Upper St. Clair High School and also to the SHASDA Spring conference, April 17-18, 2009 – ENCLOSURE 11A

Old Business

Mrs. Fetcko reported on the meeting with township supervisors hosted by the Trinity Area Leadership Team. She indicated that the meeting was well attended and she was encouraged by the discussion with the supervisors.

Mr. Chambers reported that he had contacted Mr. Husk, Tech Ed teacher, regarding the equipment the Technology Education Department has requested that the District purchase. It was agreed that the administration would make a follow-up presentation at a future board meeting.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Keisling left the meeting at 9:02 p.m. prior to the Executive Session.

The Board met in an Executive Session from 9:05 until 10:00 p.m.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors