

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
May 7, 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, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi

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

Absent: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent

Andreas Dometakis, HHS DR Architects, reported on estimate for bleachers and thirty second clocks at the athletic stadium – ENCLOSURE 3A

Communications

Mr. Shargots read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education indicating that Trinity Area School District' property tax reduction allocation for 2009-10 is \$1,287,385.28.

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

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Weaver reported on the status of the full day Kindergarten curriculum. She and Mr. Snoke, high school principal, discussed the concept of Extended Day. Mrs. Weaver also gave a report on the number of teacher observations done by the principals and assistant principals – ENCLOSURE 6A.

Business Manager's Report

- A. Intermediate Unit Bid Awards – ENCLOSURE 7A
- B. Name Bank Depositories for the 2009-10 school year – ENCLOSURE 7B
- C. Pro-Soft Technologies contract for the 2009-10 school year- ENCLOSURE 7C
- D. Industrial Appraisal for the Middle School- ENCLOSURE 7D
- E. Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2009-10 school year- ENCLOSURE 7E

1. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Miller to request the administration to draft a letter to the State Representatives and Senator expressing concern over the ARRA funding urging them to support the use of the Federal Stabilization Funds for Education .

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to request the administration to prepare a budget with a two mill decrease.

No vote was taken on the motion.

Motion by Mr. Chambers to amend the motion to request the administration to prepare a budget with a four mill decrease.

No vote was taken on the motion.

Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to table the discussion regarding millage until the May 21 meeting.

Motion carried 5 ayes; 4 nays (McWreath, Keisling, Bodnovich, Clemens)

F. Gleason Life Insurance agreement (IU Consortium) for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 – ENCLOSURE 7F

3. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the Western PA Natural Gas Consortium agreement with Hess Corporation – ENCLOSURE 7G
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Chambers to award bids for Middle School locker rooms and office renovation to DeMarco Construction Company, Inc. as the General Contractor; Three Rivers Mechanical as the HVAC contractor; Mele Mechanical LLC as the plumbing contractor; and Tico Electric as the electrical contractor - ENCLOSURES 7H
Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

5. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Chamber to award the bid for repairs to South Elementary to Emmocon Corporation – ENCLOSURE 7H
Motion carried 7 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling)

Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller for Emmocon Corporation to secure a Maintenance Bond for an additional year at 100% of the contract cost, for a total of two years, at a cost not to exceed \$1400.
Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's/Supervisors Reports

Don Snoke, high school principal, reported on the topic of students who participate in two or more organized sports having the ability to opt-out of physical education classes.

Paul Kuzman, Director of Facilities, reported on liquidated damages dates - ENCLOSURE 8A; furniture requests - ENCLOSURE 8B; Middle School roof energy calculations - additional insulation and color selection; and the sign at Trinity East being constructed by Vo-Tech students and paid for by the PTA.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Brungo discussed the Middle School roof contract with Tremco Corporation. He indicated that his office has verified with the Department of Education that the public bid through the Susquehanna Intermediate Unit was valid.

President's Report

6. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to reschedule the June 18, 2009 meeting to June 30, 2009
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Puglisi reminded the Board that the May 21 meeting will be held at Trinity South Elementary. He also invited Board members to the District Recognition Breakfast which will be held on June 8.

Public Comment

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, commented on the importance of physical education classes.

Tamara Salvatori, South Strabane Township, questioned the policy on the distribution of flyers in the elementary buildings and the schedule for the approval of the preliminary budget.

The Board met in an executive session from 9:05 to 9:55 p.m.

Mr. Keisling left the meeting at 9:20 p.m., during the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors