

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Planning Meeting
November 6, 2008
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Dennis McWreath, followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, (Mr. Clemens participated in the meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m.), John Keisling, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller, and Samuel Puglisi.

Absent: Jenifer Fetcko and 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.

Communications

Mr. Shargots read a letter from South Strabane Township indicating that the township supervisors are not interested in extending the lease of the softball field by one year.

1. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to move the discussion regarding employment of an Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and the TAEA Memorandum of Understanding be moved to the public session of the agenda.

After direction from the solicitor, the discussion concerning the position of Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education was placed under Old Business on the public session of the agenda and the motion and second were withdrawn.

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

New Business

Mr. Clemens discussed the possibility of adding a bus stop on McClay Road for students who live in Town and Country Trailer Park. He also questioned safety at the intersection of Route 18 and Scenic Drive and discussed the possibility of federal funding to offset the cost of an officer at the intersection. He also questioned if it would be possible to enter into an agreement with North Franklin Township Police to provide traffic control.

Mr. Clemens left the meeting prior to the Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent's Report

- A. ATWA Audit – *John Zvitnovik, CPA, Hosak, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP*
- B. SWAP transaction– *Tom Kinney, Financial Advisor, H.T. Capital Markets* –ENCLOSURE 5C
- C. Second reading of revised Policy 006 – Meetings– ENCLOSURE 5A
- D. First reading of revised Policy 801 – Public Records, and name the Superintendent of Schools as the Open Records Officer– ENCLOSURE 5B

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognitions: – *November 20 meeting*
 - Students of the Month for October
 - Nancy Banfield, WalMart Teacher of the Year
 - Mark Davis, Sam's Club Teacher of the Year
- B. Student Representatives: Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate – *November 20 meeting*
- C. New Math Program – *Dana Ledger, elementary teacher, Trinity East – November 20 meeting*
- D. Terra Nova results – ENCLOSURE 6B – *to be distributed November 20 meeting*

Mrs. Weaver reported on the district's 4Sight data as well as the status of the elementary reading and math support teachers.

Business Manager's Report

- A. Middle School Storage Building bid – ENCLOSURE 7A – *to be distributed November 20 meeting*
- B. General Fund budgetary transfers – ENCLOSURE 7B
- C. Point of Sale proposal – ENCLOSURE 7C
- D. Tanger Outlet/Meadows Gaming Resort gift card program
- E. Budget Timeline for 2009-10 – ENCLOSURE 7D
- F. District Location Inventory Equipment List for 2008-09 – ENCLOSURE 7E

Administrators/Supervisors' Reports

- A. Director Athletics/Activities – *Mr. Dalton*
 - Fall Sports Report – ENCLOSURE 8A
- B. Director of Food Services – *Mr. Sabol*– *November 20 meeting*
 - Vending Contracts
- C. Director of Facilities – *Mr. Kuzman*– *November 20 meeting*
 - West and North music room

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Brungo reported on invoices from the Amwell Township Water Authority. He noted that, in his opinion, the authority did not have the right to waive fees which were to be collected to repay the school district as indicated in the agreement.

President's Report

Mr. McWreath reported on the Amwell Township Meeting and discussed the appeals process when a board member disagrees with his decision. He also encouraged members of the board to fill out the PSBA Board Self-Assessment – ENCLOSURE 10A. He reminded members that the next CAC meeting will be held November 19 @ 10:30 a.m. to discuss redistricting

Old Business

The position of Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education was discussed.

Mr. Puglisi requested that a letter be sent to William McGowan, Executive Director of the Washington County Redevelopment Authority, in support of the Washington County and North Franklin Recreational Business Improvements Authorities' application for funding assistance from Washington County's Local Share Account Program.

2. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to submit a letter to the Executive Director of the Washington County Redevelopment Authority, in support of the Washington County and North Franklin Recreational Business Improvements Authorities' application for funding assistance from Washington County's Local Share Account Program.

On a roll call vote, motion carried. 6 ayes (McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Bodnovich, Chambers, Keisling)

Public Comment

None

Mr. Keisling left the meeting prior to the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board met in an Executive Session from 9:30 until 11:38 p.m.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller, and Samuel Puglisi.

3. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the informal expulsion agreement of student A.B.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Miller to employ Jim Webb as Varsity Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2008-09 school year only, effective November 10, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School Board of Directors