

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
August 6, 2009
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by President Samuel Puglisi followed by roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich (participated via telephone), Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi

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

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to add the following personnel items to the agenda:

Employments: Special Education teachers Connie Schreibeis and Stephanie Lloyd at the first step master's salary of \$43, 225 and Allison Stevens, at the first step bachelor's salary of \$42, 625; Brandi Wynkoop, librarian (half -time) at the first step bachelor's salary of \$21,312.50 and Reading specialists Jennifer Kennevan, at the first step master's salary of \$43, 225- effective August 24, 2009; Gretchen Mountain, at the first step bachelors salary of \$42,625, Stacey Ranieri and Nicole Bockstoce, at the first step master's salary of \$43, 225 – effective receipt of certification; Robyn Colbert, Eighth Grade Cheerleading Coach, at a salary of \$2,000 (year 1), effective upon receipt of clearances; Bill Britton, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, at a salary of \$5,000 (year 9), effective August 7, 2009 – ENCLOSURES 12A

Leave of Absence: Chelsey Miller, elementary teacher, FMLA, effective August 24, through October 12, 2009

Resignations: Bob Redlinger, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, effective July 22, 2009; Gena Roman, elementary teacher, effective August 21, 2009

Change of Status: Aaron Morris from Assistant Ninth Grade Football Coach to Head Ninth Grade Football Coach, effective August 7, 2009

Motion carried: 8 ayes

Substitutes: teachers, clerical, special service aides, cafeteria workers and custodians – ENCLOSURE 12B and Colleen Mancini as a special service aide (Policy 404.1 applies), effective August 27, 2009

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (Bodnovich)

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Sandy Clutter, Canton Township, commented on the current board negotiating contracts early.

Stephanie Komorowski, Canton Township, noted that previous board's actions have impacted incoming boards in the past.

Kathleen Pienkowski, South Strabane Township, supported Mrs. Komorowski's remarks.

Judy Panasuk, South Strabane, questioned why the current board may vote on contracts a year early.

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

2. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the July 16 Bill List
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 2 nays (McWreath, Keisling)

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Marks discussed Pro-Soft Incident Reports/Disciplinary Action reports - ENCLOSURES 5A and the proposed Teen Outreach Program Agreement – ENCLOSURE 5B

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to waive Policy 201-Admission of Students – ENCLOSURE 5C, in order to admit two students to kindergarten in the 2009-10 school year who were inadvertently enrolled due to an error on the part of the school district, and for the administration to explore a policy on early admission for kindergarten and first grade.
Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager's Report

Mr. Shargots discussed the following items:

- A. Kennywood Agreement – ENCLOSURE 6A
- B. Opt out payment – ENCLOSURE 6B
- C. Central Tax Refund – ENCLOSURE 6C
- D. e-Bay Proposal – ENCLOSURE 6D

Administrators/Supervisors Reports

- A. Mr. Kuzman, Director of Facilities –
 - Andreas Dometakis, HHSDR Architects, gave an update on current construction projects. He indicated that the Middle School lockers and office project was ahead of schedule, but that the project at Trinity Hall was delayed.
 - Mr. Kuzman reported that the project at Trinity South and the Middle School roof project were on schedule. He also reported on a system to detect smoking at the high and middle schools.

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to revise Dr. Marks contract to extend his temporary appointment as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the month of August 2009 @ a rate of \$500 per day

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to amend the motion to appoint Dr. Marks as Substitute Superintendent for the month of August 2009 @ a rate of \$500 per day.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Puglisi noted that the question raised at the last meeting by a resident regarding Dr. Turnbaugh's contract was addressed in an addendum to his contract, he also reported that an executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel.

New Business

Mr. Bodnovich discussed the possibility of limiting the rental of school district facilities to Trinity Area residents only. He also questioned the rates of retired teachers who serve as substitutes as well as the possibility of installing a key card security system in all of the buildings

5. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. McWreath to adopt the resolution opposing proposed high school GCA/Keystone Exams – ENCLOSURE 9A
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Brian Dunst, South Strabane Township, commented on Mr. Bodnovich's suggestion to limit the use of school district facilities to Trinity Area residents.

Jeanine Hupp, North Franklin Township questioned why the current board was considering voting on contracts.

Leslie Alexis, North Franklin Township, discussed procedures at the elementary schools regarding end of day dismissal.

Judy Panasik, South Strabane Township, questioned GPA hiring requirements for new teachers.

Kathy Pienkowski, South Strabane Township, remarked on the GPA of teachers who had been hired in the past.

Personnel

6. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following:

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Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bodnovich abstained from voting on the approval of substitutes.

The Board met in an executive session from 8:25 to 10:45 p.m. to discuss personnel.

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to employ Aaron Vanatta as School Police Officer at a salary of \$35,000, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent – subject to revisions to the contract.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi), 1 nay (Bodnovich)

8. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Miller to employ Samantha Miller as Coordinator of Student Data/Public Relations, at a salary of \$35,000, pending receipt of clearances – subject to revisions to the contract.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi), 2 nays: (Keisling, Bodnovich)

9. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Miller to employ Sean Bristor as Coordinator of Transportation, at a salary of \$35,000, pending release by his current employer (Policy 404.1 applies)– subject to revisions to the contract.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers), 3 nays: (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich)

Public Comment

Judy Panasik, South Strabane Township, questioned how the Coordinator of Transportation and Coordinator of Student Data/Public Relations positions were advertised.

10. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 11 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors