

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
February 4, 2010
Auditorium – Trinity High School

The meeting was called to order at 7.28 pm by President Thomas Bodnovich, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers (left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.), Henry Clemens, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, John Keisling, and James Knapp

Absent: Tamara Salvatori

Others present: James R. Dick, Acting Superintendent, Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the January planning and regular meetings as presented – ENCLOSURES 2A

Hearing of Citizens

Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, questioned if community members would have the opportunity to meet the candidate for the position of Superintendent. He also thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet and discuss educational issues with Dr. Manley.

Ed Brownlee, North Franklin Township, commented on the Board considering input from the community when selecting the next Superintendent and questioned the absence of a school board member.

Gerald Chambers announced his resignation from the Board of Directors. He thanked the residents of Amwell and North Franklin Townships for the opportunity to serve them for the past ten years and apologized for his decision to resign citing personal reasons.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. James R. Dick, Acting Superintendent

- A. Motion to Approve the Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2009 – John Zivkovic, Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP- (*February 18 meeting – report to be mailed*)
- B. Motion to approve the Auditor General's Report for Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 – ENCLOSURE 4A
- C. School Calendar for 2010-11 – ENCLOSURE 4B (*to be distributed*)
- D. Redistricting

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Yvonne B. Weaver

Recognitions: - (February 18 meeting)

- A. High School and Middle School Students of the Month for January
- B. Western Area Career and Technical Center award winners
- C. National Board Certification- Carolyn Diederich, elementary teacher
- D. Student Representative – Ben Brownlee; Evan Chambers (alternate)

Business Manager/ Board Secretary's Report – Mr. James Shargots

A. Premier Power Solutions agreement – ENCLOSURE 6A

Board and Representatives Reports

A. Finance

F-10-10 Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the lease agreement with Range Resources – ENCLOSURE 7H

Mr. Clemens amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Keisling to authorize the solicitor to submit an amendment to Range Resources as to a separation of the lease for shallow drilling, Marcelas Shale and Utica Shale.
Motion carried unanimously.

F-11-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the submission of local, state, federal and E-rate applications for the 2010-11 school year
Motion carried unanimously.

F-12-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling seconded by Mrs. Clutter to add to the agenda a motion to request a representative from PSBA to review the District's budgetary process at a cost not to exceed \$2500.
Motion carried unanimously.

F -13-10 Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for December, 2009, as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7A

F-14-10 Motion to Approve that the General Fund bills in the amount of \$889,145.68 and payments from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,340 be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURES 7B

F-15-10 Motion to Approve the Cafeteria bills as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7C

F-16-10 Motion to Approve the Extra Curricular Account Reports by the respective principals be accepted for the period December 1 through 31, 2009 – ENCLOSURES 7D, 7E and 7F

F-17-10 Motion to Approve water boiler bid for the Middle School in the amount of \$23,157.75 – ENCLOSURE 7G

F-18-10 Motion to approve Middle School locker room HVAC unit replacement in the amount of \$29,900 – ENCLOSURE 7G

F-19-10 Motion to approve the transfer of \$200,000 to the Capital Reserve Account

F-20-10 Motion to approve the transfer of \$250,000 to an escrow account for PSERS retirement payments

B. Personnel/Athletics

P-20-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Interval to add the nomination of a Board member for consideration for election to the Intermediate Unit Board due to the resignation of Mr. Chambers to the February 18 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

P-21-10 Motion to approve _____ as Trinity Area School District Superintendent of Schools, effective upon release from his current employer.

P-22-10 Motion to approve the resignation of Haden Watson as 9thGrade Boys Baseball JV Assistant Coach

P-23-10 Motion to approve _____ as the Lacrosse Middle School Assistant Coach

P-24-10 Motion to approve _____ as the 9th grade Head Baseball Coach

P-25-10 Motion to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Paula Ferry, cafeteria manager

P-26-10 Motion to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Linda Adams, cafeteria worker

P-27-10 Motion to approve the attendance of Mr. Bodnovich to the state PASBO conference, March 9-12, 2010

P-28-10 Motion to approve the employment of Tammy Albani as a substitute special service aide, effective

P-29-10 Motion to approve the employment of Larry Wright as a custodian, effective February 22, 2010

P-30-10 Motion to approve the resignation of Elise Birch as the Assistant Speech & Debate Coach, effective February 1, 2010

P-31-10 Motion to approve unpaid leave for Lindsey Greer and Jennifer Davis as per the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Trinity Area School District and the Trinity Area Education Association

P-32-10 Motion the approve the resignation of Erin Helmkamp as Varsity Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach

C. Education

D. Transportation, Building & Grounds

Mr. Clemens requested that the administration study the possibility of installing a scoreboard and time clock at the high school field and report to the Board at the March meeting.

- E. Policies
 - Po-6-10 Motion to approve the second reading of revised Policy 005 – Organization – ENCLOSURE 7I

 - Po-7-10 Motion to approve the second reading of revised Policy 006 – Meetings – ENCLOSURE 7J

- F. Western Area Career & Technical Center – Mr. Knapp
- G. North Franklin Business & Recreation Authority – Mr. Day
- H. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Chambers
- I. Citizens Library – Mrs. Salvatori
- J. PSBA Liaison – Mrs. Salvatori

President's Report

An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and a student matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone the appointment of a Board member to the Leadership Team until the new Superintendent was in place.

Hearing of Citizens on non-agenda items

Dennis McWreath, Amwell Township, questioned the source of funding for item F-18-10.

Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, questioned why the topic of redistricting was listed on the agenda. Mr. Dick indicated that it was only to open discussion between the Board and the administration.

Mr. Dick welcomed Ben Brownlee as the student representative to the Board.

Cathy Brownlee, North Franklin Township, asked if a letter provided to the Board in support of her son would be signed.

John Spino, North Franklin Township, spoke in support of Ben Brownlee.

Ed Brownlee, thanked Mr. Dick and Mr. Makel for their support of his son, and requested the resignation of a board member.

Mr. Dick indicated that no one was directed to take any action regarding Mr. Brownlee's son on behalf of the Board.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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