

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
January 7, 2010
Auditorium – Trinity High School
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Thomas Bodnovich, followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, (left the meeting at 7:10 pm) Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, John Keisling, James Knapp and Tamara Salvatori (arrived at 6:50 p.m).

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.

Consultant's Report – Dr. James C. Manley

Dr. Manley discussed his role as a consultant in the district indicating that he planned to look at the educational program in terms of student achievement. He noted that he would meet with administrators, teachers and parents in all of the elementary schools and would include students in the discussions at the middle and high school levels. Dr. Manley indicated that he would look several key indicators which would help the District identify where it is in its journey towards high performance and planned to report back to the Board in mid February.

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

Mr. Dick reviewed policies 005 – Organization and 006 – Meetings.

Po-1-10 Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Day to add a voting item to the agenda per Policy 006-Meetings regarding the meeting of December 10, 2009
On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Po-2-10 Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Clemens to rescind the following motions of the December 10, 2009 regular meeting:

- Motion #6 – to open the positions of Athletic Director and Director of Food Services,
- Motion #7 – to meet and discuss the agreement/contracts with Mr. Digon, Mr. Kuzman and Act 93 administrators,
- Motion #8 – to open all fall coaching positions

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dalton remarked on the steps the board took to give him the opportunity to address their concerns and thanked the board members for their decision to rescind the motions of December 10.

Po-3-10 Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Keisling to waive Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, in order to allow a non-resident to speak.
On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Bill Cherpak, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach, Thomas Jefferson School District, spoke in support of Mr. Dalton.

The following residents commented in support of Mr. Dalton and the actions taken by the Board at the December 10, 2009 meeting:

Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township
Dan Piatt, South Strabane Township
Ben Brownlee, North Franklin Township.
Andrew Miller, South Strabane Township
Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township
Jan Selway, South Strabane Township
George Linck, Canton Township

Board Secretary's Report/Correspondence

Mr. Shargots indicated that he had received letters in support of Mr. Dalton and indicated that they would be included in the minutes.

Business Manager's Report

Mr. Shargots reported on the following items:

- A. Insurance costs – ENCLOSURE 6A
- B. Debt Service Prepayment Plan, Service Payments & State Comparison – ENCLOSURES 6B
- C. Capital Reserve Account Reconciliation –ENCLOSURE 6C
- D. Future PSERS obligations

Board Committee and Representative Reports

Mr. Dick reviewed the following items which are scheduled to be voted on at the January 21, 2010 meeting:

A. Finance

F -1-10 That the Treasurer's Report for November, 2009, be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7A

F-2-10 That the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,151,878.07 and payments from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$23,122.41 be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURES 7B

F-3-10 That the Cafeteria bills be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7C

F-4-10 That the Extra Curricular Account Reports by the respective principals be accepted for the period October 1 through 31, 2009 – ENCLOSURES 7D, 7E and 7F

F-5-10 That the Budget Resolution for 2010-11, be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7G

F-6-10 That the Independent Auditors' Reports for Canton, North Franklin and South Strabane Townships be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURES 7H

F-7-10 That the Intermediate Unit Classroom Lease Agreement for 2009-10 be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7I

B. Personnel/Athletic

P-1-10 That the position of Musical Pit Director be awarded to _____

P-2-10 That _____ be employed as a substitute elementary teacher effective January 22, 2010

P-3-10 That _____ be employed as a substitute Technology Education teacher effective January 22, 2010

P-4-10 That a Family Medical Leave be granted to _____

P-5-10 Permission for administration to notify Act 93 committee of availability to meet and discuss

P-6-10 That _____ be appointed to the Act 93 negotiating committee

P-7-10 That the Article of Agreement for Graduate Athletic Training Internships between Trinity Area and California University be approved– ENCLOSURE 7J

P-8-10 That Kimberly Umbel and Lainey Resetar, long term substitutes, be paid retroactively to the start of the 2009-10 school year at the rate of \$175 per day and to receive single medical benefits for the remainder of the school year

P-9-10 Move to approve Jennifer Davis’s request for unpaid leave

P-10-10 That _____ be approved as a substitute custodian effective January 22, 2010

P-11-10 Approval of unpaid disability leave for _____, secretary

P-12-10 Approval of unpaid disability leave for _____, special service aide

P-13-10 To hire _____ as labor consultants to negotiate all pending contracts

C. Education

E-1-10 Approval for continuation of funding for the S.T.A.R.T. program at an approximate cost of \$35,000

E-2-10 Approval of high school course proposals for 2010-2011- ENCLOSURE 7K

- Change: “Financial Analysis” to “Personal Finance 1” – 1 semester elective course and “Personal Finance 2” – 1 semester elective course
- Add: “General Art History” – 1 semester elective course
- Add: “Asian Arts and Culture” – 1 semester elective course
- PSSA Remediation Course: Change from computer-based instruction to Reading Apprenticeship model strategies for instruction

- D. Transportation, Building & Grounds – *Mr. Clemens*
- E. Policy Committee– *Mrs. Interval*
- 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

Mr. Bodnovich reported that executive sessions were held on January 5, 2010 at 7 p.m. to discuss personnel and this evening, January 7, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation

Approval to the minutes of the December 10, 2009 reorganization and regular board meetings as presented – ENCLOSURES 9A - will be requested at the January 21, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Bodnovich discussed the possibility of Board meetings being on the internet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Cell phones, which include texting, are not to be used during Board meetings and executive sessions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Appoint _____ to serve on the negotiation committee for the TAESP contract

Hearing of Citizens on non-agenda items

The following resident commented on action taken by the Board at the December 10, 2009 meeting:

- Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township
- Alice Murphy, South Strabane Township
- Karen Richmond, North Franklin Township
- Diana Pierson, North Franklin Township
- Diane Clelland, North Franklin Township
- David Lang, South Strabane Township
- Ben Brownlee, North Franklin Township
- Patti Ann Berton, South Strabane Township
- Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township

Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn and meet in an executive session to discuss personnel. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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