

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the Board  
June 3, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.  
BOARD ROOM – TRINITY HALL

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS – Thomas Bodnovich, President**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President, Thomas Bodnovich, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas A. Bodnovich, Henry Clemens, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, Jack Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

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

Mr. Bodnovich commented on the math and reading scores of the school district. He also indicted that Gerald Chambers, Jeff Miller, Samuel Puglisi and Heather Watson would be removed from the Hall of Fame Committee and that the following people were being named as their replacements: Steve Day, Sr., John Unice, Tom Sypula and Brian Hilke.

1. Motion by Mr. Day, second by Mrs. Clutter, to add policies 303.1, 404.1 and 504.1 – Nepotism, to the agenda for approval.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling) 3 nays (Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori)

- 1.5 Approval of Minutes from May 6 planning and May 20 regular, 2010 meetings of the Board.

**RECOGNITIONS**

- 2.1 Mrs. Weaver recognized Jane Shamitko, High School; Frank Golsky, Middle School and Mary Lynn Yancich, Elementary as Trinity Area School District Teachers of the Year for 2010. She also recognized the following teachers for receiving Great Idea Grants from the Consortium for Public Education: Mary Ann Berty, Cynthia Garda, and Jane Shamitko for their project “Our Town, Our School, Our Pride” and Diane Huffner, Jennifer Perry and Jessica Wachter for their project “Avid Readers”
- 2.3 Congratulations were extended to students Joshua Finney and Christopher Piatt for being awarded the Teen Outreach Fellowship Award and high school Assistant Principal, Joseph Orr for receiving the Teen Outreach Youth Advocate Award

- 2.4 Commendation to the following students who were 2010 Law Day Contest and Citizenship Project Award winners: Logan DeFillippo, Jacob Metts, Rachel Lemons and Serenity Woodhouse, Sara Huggins, Courtney Grose, Alyssa Guerrieri, Catherine Giles, Kyle McWreath, Lindsey Kudasoski, Cortney Barlow, Jarrett Maleski, Mary Stadelman, Rachel Dzik, Ryan Moore, Nicole King, Joscelyn Goudy, Alyssa Oswald, Devin Mast, and Jami Hilderhoft
- 2.5 Congratulations to Gordon Lowry, music teacher, for acceptance to the Arts Education Collaborative Leadership Academy in July
- 2.6 Trinity Area School District was named a “Best Community for Music Education” in America for the fourth time by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson**

- 4.1 Approval is recommended for the Treasurer’s Report for April 2010, as submitted
- 4.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,060,583.37
- 4.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted
- 4.4 Approval is recommended for the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Account, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted
- 4.5 Approval is recommended for the adoption of the General Fund Budget for 2010-11 school year
- 4.6 Approval is recommended for General Liability, Errors and Omissions, Workers Compensation and School Police Insurance (to be distributed)
- 4.7 Approval is recommended to authorize the Business Manager to make the necessary budget transfers following the June 30, 2010 closing and provide a list of those transfers at a subsequent meeting
- 4.8 Approval is recommended for the PSEA Vision Agreement for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years
- 4.10 Approval is recommended for a one year extension to the facilities rental agreement between the Community College of Allegheny County and TASD

## **PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson**

- 5.1 Approval is recommended to name Sandra S. Clutter as School Board Treasurer for the 2010-11 school year
- 5.2 Approval is recommended for Julie VanKirk as Eighth Grade Cheerleading Coach, effective May 21, 2010
- 5.3 Approval is recommended for Brittany Bogdanski as Ninth Grade Cheerleading Coach, effective May 21, 2010
- 5.4 Approval is recommended for a Family Medical Leave for Erin Helmkamp, high school Biology teacher, effective June 3 through June 9, 2010
- 5.5 Approval is recommended for a Family Medical Leave for Kathryn L. O'Lare, high school English teacher, effective approximately August 28, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks, followed by a Child Rearing Leave through the end of the first semester, 2010-11
- 5.6 Approval is recommended for a Family Medical Leave for Judith Burt, custodian, effective May 13, 2010, through June 24, 2010
- 5.7 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Al Pierson as Boys Seventh Grade Basketball Coach
- 5.8 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Kristin Savoie as Middle School Girls Soccer Head Coach
- 5.9 Approval is recommended for the following as substitute custodians:
  - Joseph J. Hello
  - Michelle L. White (substitute cafeteria worker)
  - Mary B. Scott (cafeteria worker)
- 5.10 Approval is recommended for the employment of Charles Hughes as a custodian, effective June 18, 2010 (Policy 504.1 applies)

## **6 EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson**

- 6.1 Informational item: Update on implementation of On-Hand Schools and Keystone Consulting Group – Dr. Kasunich
- 6.2 Informational item: Update on Trinity Area School District's Operational Plan for 2010-11 – Dr. Kasunich

- 6.3 Informational item: Update on projected class sizes/course offerings & staffing for 2010-11 – Dr. Kasunich
- 6.4 Informational item: Summer School update – Dr. Kasunich
- 6.5 Approval is recommended for mandatory testing for all students participating in Advance Placement (A.P.) courses
- 6.6 Approval is recommended to change the 2010-2011 school calendar

## **7 TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson**

- 7.1 Approval is recommended for the Professional Service Agreement between PBS & J and Trinity Area School District for the annual inspection of Trinity South Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$4,900
- 7.2 Approval is recommended for the agreement between Morris Knowles & Associates, Inc. and Trinity Area School District for the inspection of stadium bleachers not to exceed \$2,500
- 7.3 Approval is recommended to authorize the administration to solicit bids for security cameras at the elementary buildings
- 7.4 Approval is recommended for middle and high school door replacement bid in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 7.5 Approval is recommended for middle school driveway/sidewalk repair in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 7.6 Approval is recommended for wheelchair lift replacement at the middle school in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 7.7 Update on smoking control technology

## **8 POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson**

- 8.1 Approval is recommended for the first reading of policy 123.1 – Hiring of Athletic Coaches /Directors/Supervisors
2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve policies 303.1, 404.1 and 504.1 – Nepotism
- Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to table policies 303.1, 404.1 and 504.1 – Nepotism to the Policy Committee and refer them to the Policy Committee for further review.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 4 ayes (Clemens, Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori); 5 nays (Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Bodnovich); 4 ayes

On a roll call vote, the original motion to approve polices 303.1, 404.1 and 504.1 – Nepotism carried: 5 ayes (Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Bodnovich); 2 nays (Knapp, Salvatori) 2 abstentions: (McWreath, Clemens)

**WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative**  
**No report**

**NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative**  
**No report**

**CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative**  
**No report**

**PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative**  
**No report**

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Hearing of Citizens on non-agenda items

- Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, commented on possible revisions to Policy 123.1.
- Mike Songer, South Strabane Township, commented on policy revisions.
- Alice Murphy, South Strabane Township, commented on the process of making revisions to policies.

Mr. Bodnovich announced the following:

- An executive session was held this evening, June 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., to discuss personnel items
- Finance Committee Meeting – June 8, 2010, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Trinity Hall
- Voting meeting - June 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Board Room, Trinity Hall

3. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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