

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
March 4, 2010
Board Room – 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, Henry Clemens, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and 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 – (please state name, address and topic)

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, questioned what had been changed on policies 121, 610, 913, 215.1 and 903, which were listed on the agenda

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

Mr. Dick discussed the advantages and disadvantages of half day and full day kindergarten and discussed the possibility of pursuing parental interest in again offering a half-day program.

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

Mrs. Weaver reported on the ASCA Guidance Program noting that all data indicated that the counselors were on target to meet their goals at every level. She also reported that elementary reading curriculum was budgeted for adoption this year and that a committee of teachers was in the process of evaluating different options as well as foreign language adoption at the middle and high schools. Mrs. Weaver noted that the possibility of an elementary technology teacher was being explored.

Recognitions: - (March 18 meeting)

- High School and Middle School Students of the Month for February
- Student Representatives – Ben Brownlee; Evan Chambers (alternate)

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

Mr. Shargots reported on the following items:

- A. Hosack, Specht Corrective Action Plan – ENCLOSURE 6A
- B. Status of 2010-11 budget
- C. E-Bay report – ENCLOSURE 6B
- D. Correspondence – ENCLOSURE 6C
- E. Amwell Water Authority update

Board and Representatives Reports

A. Finance

F-25-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the replacement of a Fire Alarm Panel at Trinity West elementary at a cost not to exceed \$8,510.53 - ENCLOSURE 7

Motion carried unanimously.

F-26-10 Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for January, 2010, as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7A

F-27-10 Motion to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,119,259.17 as submitted – ENCLOSURES 7B

F-28-10 Motion to approve the Cafeteria bills as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7C

F-29-10 Motion to approve the Extra Curricular Account Reports by the respective principals be accepted for the period January 1 through January 31, 2010 – ENCLOSURES 7D, 7E and 7F

F-30-10 Motion to approve the 2010-11 Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget – ENCLOSURE 7G

F-31-10 Motion to approve replacement of middle school the football locker room flooring, the cost to be covered by insurance, not to exceed \$15,175 – ENCLOSURE 7H

F-32-10 Motion to authorize Trinity Area School District to seek auditor proposals for the 2009-10 school year

F-33-10 Motion to approve the Western Area Career & Technology Center 2009-10 budget – ENCLOSURE 7K

F-34-10 Motion to approve the attendance of Dr. Paul Kasunich to the spring meeting of The Forum April 28, 29 and 30, Bedford, PA – ENCLOSURE 7L

B. Personnel/Athletics

P-37-10 Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve David C. Rankin as interim principal at Trinity South elementary effective February 22, 2010 at \$250 per day
Motion carried 8 ayes; 1 nay (Clutter)

P-38-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the employment of Larry Wright as a custodian, effective March 15, 2010
Motion carried unanimously.

P-39-10 Motion to approve _____ as a substitute clerical and cafeteria worker, effective March 22, 2010

P-40-10 Motion to approve _____ as a substitute nurse, effective February 22, 2010

P-41-10 Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave for _____ nurse, effective February 1, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks

P-42-10 Motion to approve the employment of _____ as Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, effective March 8, 2010 – ENCLOSURES 7J

P-43-10 Motion to approve the employment of _____ as Head Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective March 8, 2010 - ENCLOSURES 7J

P-44-10 Motion to approve the employment of _____ as the Assistant Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective March 8, 2010 - ENCLOSURES 7J

P-45-10 Motion to approve the employment of _____ as the Middle School Head Softball Coach, effective March 8, 2010 - ENCLOSURES 7J

P-46-10 Motion to approve the employment of _____ as the Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, effective March 8, 2010- ENCLOSURES 7J

P-47-10 Motion to approve the employment of _____ as the Assistant Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, effective March 8, 2010- ENCLOSURES 7J

P-48-1- Motion to approve the employment of _____ as the 9th Grade Assistant Baseball Coach, effective March 8, 2010- ENCLOSURES 7J

C. Education

E-5-10 Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to establish and advertise an Education Committee meeting with Dr. Manley for March 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Transportation, Building & Grounds

TBG-2-10 Motion to establish and advertise a meeting between the Transportation, Building & Grounds Committee and the administration

TBG -3-10 Motion to authorize the administration to solicit bids for a scoreboard and time clock at the high school athletic field

E. Policies

Po-8-10 Motion to approve the first reading of revised policy 121 – Field Trips- ENCLOSURES 7I

Po-9-10 Motion to approve the first reading of revised policy 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid – ENCLOSURES 7I

Po-10-10 Motion to approve the first reading of revised policy 913 – Relations with Special Interest Groups- ENCLOSURES 7I

Po-11-10 Motion to approve the first reading of revised policy 215.1 – Subject Acceleration – ENCLOSURES 7I

Po-12-10 Motion to approve the first reading of revised policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings – ENCLOSURES 7I

There were no reports by the following representatives:

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

President's Report

Mr. Bodnovich announced that an executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel and that Finance Committee meeting dates have been advertised as follows:

March 9, 2010	June 8, 2010
April 8, 2010 – Budget Review	August 5, 2010
April 22, 2010 – Budget Review	September 7, 2010
May 11, 2010	October 12, 2010
	November 9, 2010

The meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room

He also noted that, due to the resignation of Mr. Chambers, committees would be as follows:

Education:	Tamara Salvatori, Ch., Jack Keisling & Dennis McWreath
Personnel:	Jack Keisling, Ch., Scott Day and Sandra Clutter
Transportation/ Building & Grounds:	Henry Clemens, Ch., Sandra Clutter and Jim Knapp
Finance:	Scott Day, Ch., Dennis McWreath and Colleen Interval
Policy:	Colleen Interval, Ch., Tamara Salvatori and Jim Knapp

Hearing of Citizens on non-agenda items

Leslie Alexas, North Franklin Township, questioned the use of IDEA funds and discussed the possibility of the District paying for student field trips to alleviate funding by parent organizations.

Mark Murphy, South Strabane Township, asked if Board meetings could be held at another location and questioned students smoking off campus prior to the start of school.

Patty Ann Berton, South Strabane Township, discussed the public's ability to comment on agenda items.

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, asked if new board members had taken advantage of PSBA sponsored workshops.

Mike Songer, South Strabane Township, asked how the public could obtain agenda enclosures.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mrs. Interval to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel and litigation, with no action to follow. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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