

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning/Voting Meeting
December 9, 2010
Trinity High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President, Sandra Clutter, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

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

Absent: Thomas Bodnovich

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

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the minutes of the November 4 & 18, 2010 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Day to add the following items to the agenda:

- 5.17 Approval is recommended for the employment contract with Nicole Bazant Pleil as Food Service Director as submitted
- 5.18 Approval is recommended for a FMLA for employee B.M. effective October 20, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks
- 5.19 Approval is recommended for a FMLA for employee D.B. on an intermittent basis effective November 17, 2010 not to exceed twelve weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Makel addressed the audience indicating that the Board would not take specific comments on a personnel issue.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, discussed the District's legal fees to date.

Kerri McIlvaine, South Strabane Township, commented on the public's right to express opinions and the Board's responsibility to students and staff.

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjourn to an executive session. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Board met in an executive session to discuss a personnel item from 6:47 to 6:53 p.m.

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, expressed her concerns over a recent personnel issue.

Robert DeFillippo, North Franklin Township, discussed the Board's responsibility to make decisions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairman

4. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the Treasurer's Report for October, 2010, as submitted (Enclosure 4.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$601,936.70 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$ 19,481.39 (Enclosures 4.2)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Day, Interval, Keisling, Salvatori, Clutter); 3 nays (Knapp, McWreath, Clemens)

6. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve payment of cafeteria bills as submitted (Enclosure 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted (Enclosure 4.4)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Interval, Keisling, Knapp, Salvatori, Clutter); 3 nays (McWreath, Clemens, Day)

8. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath, to approve payment of all contractual bills found to be true and correct for the month of December

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairman

9. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the following:
 - Employment of Andrea Gandy as a Special Service Aide, effective December 10, 2010
 - Employment of Lori Balach as a Special Service Aide, effective December 10, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Knapp did not participate in the following motions:

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the following:
 - FMLA for employee S.B. effective November 15, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks
 - FMLA for employee L.B. effective approximately February 7, 2011 not to exceed twelve weeks

- FMLA for employee M.B. effective approximately February 8, 2011 not to exceed twelve week
- FMLA for employee L.B. effective approximately February 8, 2011 not to exceed twelve weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve a medical sabbatical for Elaine Mahland, elementary teacher, for the second semester of the 2010-11 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the resignation of Robert A. Bakaitis, Maintenance Department, for retirement purposes effective November 15, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath, to approve the following:

- Suzanne Miller-Priest as a substitute nurse, effective December 10, 2010
- Thomas Grandinetti as a substitute custodian, effective December 10, 2010
- Diana M. Shymchyk as a substitute teacher, effective December 10, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to accept the resignation of Shannon Kerr as the Middle School Girl's Soccer Head Coach, effective November 18, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Knapp participated in the following motions.

15. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the following:

- Robert Bell as the Eighth Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach, effective December 10, 2010
- Robert M. Thornton as the Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach, effective December 10, 2010
- Kristen A. Savoie as the Middle School Assistant Track/Field Coach, effective December 10, 2010
- Scott A. Mezyk as the Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective December 10, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve the employment contract with Nicole Bazant Pleil as Food Service Director as submitted

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (McWreath, Salvatori, Clemens, Clutter, Interval); 3 nays (Keisling, Knapp, Day)

17. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve a FMLA for employee B.M. effective October 20, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve a FMLA for employee D.B. on an intermittent basis effective November 17, 2010 not to exceed twelve weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

No report

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

19. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. McWreath to increase the reimbursement rate of the contract with Gerald Main for student transportation to Western PA School for the Blind to \$190.00/trip

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

20. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the second reading of revised Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Knapp)

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

Mrs. Clutter reported that executive sessions were held November 26, 2010, December 4, 2010 and this evening to discuss personnel items and that the next meeting of the Board will be held January 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

21. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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