

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the Board
July 1, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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 and Dennis McWreath

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

Absent: Tamara Salvatori and Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Bodnovich noted that until misunderstandings regarding the Board's role in the Hall of Fame Committee were resolved, District funding would be suspended and meetings cancelled.

1.5 Approval of Minutes from June 3 planning and June 17 regular, 2010 meetings of the Board.

1. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. McWreath to suspend policy 903 – Public Participation in Board meetings in order to allow 40 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to hear comments on agenda as well as non-agenda items.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Interval to table Mr. Knapp's motion to suspend policy 903.

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

On a roll call vote, the original motion carried: 7 ayes (Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day); 1 nay (Interval)

RECOGNITIONS

Thanks to Washington County Community Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with CONSOL Energy for a \$10,000 Grant to be used for the Accelerated Reader Program.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, encouraged the Board to address educational issues and commented on the advertisement regarding the Athletic Director position.

Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, commented on the focus of the Board and in support of Mr. Bristor as Boys Baseball Coach.

An Amwell Township resident commented on the Youth Football program and possible requirements for the use of Hiller Field

Bea Beabout, Amwell Township, encouraged the Board to focus on education.

Alice Murphy, South Strabane Township, commented that the focus should be on education and in support of Mr. Bristol.

Tom Berton, South Strabane Township, encouraged the board to focus on policy and education.

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, spoke regarding the possible furlough of teachers and encouraged the board to consider all ramifications.

Stacey Rush, South Strabane Township, commented on the role of the School Police Officer.

Judy Panasic, South Strabane Township, commended the board on doing a good job.

Stephanie Komorowski, Canton Township, addressed comments made by board members.

Anna Roten, South Strabane Township, commented on her respect for the District and encouraged the board to do what is best for the children.

Alex Frey, Canton Township, commented on the board's consideration of the views of the students.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

- 4.1 Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Report for May 2010, as submitted.
2. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the payment of General Fund bills as submitted (Enclosure 4.2).
Motion carried unanimously.

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 to contract with Nutrition Group for the period of August 2, 2010 through November 1, 2010. The cost per month is \$2,000.

- 4.6 Approval is recommended for a donation to Citizens Library in the amount of \$26,250

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

- 5.1 Approval is recommended for Pierce Kepple as Speech and Language Pathologist for Extended School Year, effective June 28, 2010
 - 5.2 Approval is recommended for a Family Medical Leave for Jessica Wachter, Literacy Coach, effective August 23, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks
 - 5.3 Approval is recommended for change of status of Amber Long from 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach to Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach
 - 5.4 Approval is recommended for change of status of Shannon Kerr from Varsity Assistant Girls Soccer Coach to Middle School Girls Head Soccer Coach
3. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the Act 93 agreement for period 2010-2015 (Enclosure 5.5)
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling); 1 nay (Knapp)
 4. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the agreement with John Digon as Director of Technology (Enclosure 5.6)
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling); 1 nay (Knapp)
 5. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the agreement with Paul Kuzman as Director of Facilities (Enclosure 5.7)
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, McWreath); 1 nay (Knapp)
 6. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve salary increases for: Assistant Superintendent, Director of Fiscal Services, Act 93 Administrators, Director of Technology, Director of Facilities, School Police Officer, Coordinator of Transportation, Coordinator of Student Data, Confidential Secretaries, Cafeteria Monitors, Crossing Guards, Substitute Caller and Nurse Aide (Enclosure 5.8)

After discussion, it was determined by the solicitor that it was unnecessary to vote on positions other than the Cafeteria Monitors, Crossing Guards, Substitute Caller and Nurse Aide. Therefore, the motion was amended as follows:

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve salary increases for: Cafeteria Monitors, Crossing Guards, Substitute Caller and Nurse Aide.

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

7. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the recommendation for the Superintendent to determine the need to furlough (suspend) professional, temporary professional and non-professional employees dues to declining enrollment, and to notify the affected employees of the potential furloughs (suspension) consistent with the Public School Code and the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements, and to take all actions necessary to facilitate the same.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich); 1 nay (Knapp)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

- 6.1 Approval is recommended for the Fifth Annual Trinity Kennywood Day – July 16, 2011. Terms and conditions remain the same.
- 6.2 Preliminary PSSA Performance Report for 2008-2010
- 6.3 Informational item: Agenda for Trinity Area School District Administrative Retreat

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

- 7.1 Approval is recommended for parent provided student transportation contracts for the 2010-11 school year as follows:
 - Laura Carl- \$12,376
 - Franklin Donley - \$1,456
 - Samantha Paluda – \$4,550
- 7.2 Approval is recommended for submission of PDE Form 3074 (A) for the installation of security cameras

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

- 8.1 Approval is recommended for the second reading of policy 123.1 – Hiring of Athletic Coaches /Directors/Supervisors
- 8.2 Approval is recommended for the first reading of policy 815 – District Internet Safe and Acceptable Use for District Technology and Related Resources
- 8.3 Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities – Discussion of eligibility

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Bodnovich reported that an executive session was held this evening at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel items. He also noted the following meeting dates:

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday July 15, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – Board Room, Trinity Hall

Education Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – Board Room, Trinity Hall

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Interval to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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