

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
September 2, 2010
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Thomas Bodnovich, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas A. Bodnovich, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Jack Keisling, James Knapp, Tamara Salvatori and Dennis McWreath

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.

Absent: Henry Clemens

Mr. Bodnovich indicated that Board representatives to the Hall of Fame Committee would be Mr. Day, Mrs. Clutter and himself, and requested that the administration schedule a meeting.

Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2010 planning/voting meeting - *September 16 meeting.*

RECOGNITIONS

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to waive policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, so that comments may be heard on both agenda and non-agenda items.
Motion carried unanimously.

Leslie Alexis, North Franklin Township, commented on the request by Range Resources to use the Middle School site for a training exercise and the possible conflict with the youth football schedule.

Anthony Hutchins, North Franklin Township, commented on the changes in the food service department.

Brian Dunst, South Strabane Township, commented on the size of classes at the middle and high schools and the effect on academics.

Lois Chisholm, North Franklin Township, commented on the change in the procedure for dropping off at the middle school for Learning Support students and the replacement of a railing in the back of the building.

Dr. Kasunich commented on the article which appeared in the September 2 edition of the Observer Reporter regarding a demonstration scheduled to be held at the high school on October 4. He indicated that the administration is reviewing options to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Neil Day, Amwell Township, noted that Trinity South should be added to the evacuation list in the event of an emergency.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

4.1 Approval is recommended for the Treasurer’s Report for July 2010, as submitted.

2. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$735,911.55 and Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$ 5,951.00 – enclosures 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 Accounts (June & July, 2010 - *to be distributed*), Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted

4.5 Approval is recommended for Extra Curricular Account Budgetary Transfers, as submitted

4.6 Approval is recommended for Leader Services Contract for IEP Writer, as submitted

4.7 Approval is recommended for Amwell Township as Earned Income and Mercantile Tax and Delinquent Earned Income and Mercantile Tax Collector for the calendar year 2011 and appoint Marjorie Day as Amwell Township Local Service Tax Collector for 2010, as submitted

3. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve a contract with Canonsburg General Hospital HealthWorks for pre-employment drug screening at a cost of \$61.00 per screening
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve setting ala cart cafeteria pricing for 2010-2011 school year.
Motion carried unanimously.

4.10 Update on changes made to food service operations to allow for alignment with District Wellness Policy - Report from Nutrition Group.

5. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to dispose of or donate designated items from the food service department.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the purchase of a warming unit for the food service department.
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the status of Laboratory School appraisal.

7. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to authorize the appraisal of Laboratory School by Joseph Koval at a cost not to exceed \$1400.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to table the appraisal of Laboratory School and look for other way to dispose of the building.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 2 ayes (Salvatori, Keisling); 5 nays (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clutter, Day, Interval); 1 abstention (Knapp)

On a roll call vote, the original motion carried: 6 ayes (McWreath, Salvatori, Bodnovich, Clutter, Day, Interval); 2 nays (Keisling, Knapp)

Mr. Digon gave an update on option for podcasting the board meetings.

Mrs. Interval discussed the status of the facilities use agreement with a church using the high school auditorium. The item was referred to the Finance Committee.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

5.1 Approval is recommended to grant tenure status to the following teachers: High School- Susan Laayouni, Nicole Welsh; Middle School – Jaime Carson, Andrew Migyanko, Elementary – Amanda Hatcher, Karen Huff, Tamara Jeffers, Heather Watson – *September 16 meeting.*

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

- Employment of Trudy McAdams as a part-time cafeteria employee effective August 30, 2010
- Substitute teachers:
 - Loretta Harold, effective August 30, 2010
 - Jennifer Lechene, effective August 30, 2010
- Employment of Tammy Albani as a special service aide, pending release from her current employer and receipt of clearances
- Employment of Jason Burke as a special service aide, effective August 30, 2010
- Employment of Tammy Conklin as a special service aide, effective August 30, 2010
- Family Medical Leave for Christy Pisula, middle school teacher, effective approximately November 7, 2010 not to exceed twelve weeks, followed by an unpaid Child Rearing Leave through the end of the third nine week period.
- Rescind the hiring of Kimberly Umbel as a long-term substitute 1st semester, high school English; 2nd semester casual day to day substitute

- Employment of Sara Lamars as substitute high school English teacher, effective September 15, 2010 through the end of the first semester and as a casual day to day substitute second semester
- Accept the resignation of Travis Buri as the head varsity swim coach, effective August 25, 2010.
- Accept the resignation of Kristian Damaska as Boys MS Assistant Soccer Coach, effective August 25, 2010
- Rebecca Egizio as a substitute cafeteria employee, effective August 30, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Knapp for a change of status for Mary Ellen Jutka (high school social studies teacher) from volunteer Girls JV Tennis Coach to paid Girls JV Tennis Coach at the 10th step salary of \$3500, effective August 16, 2010

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Salvatori, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Knapp); 1 nay (Bodnovich); 1 abstention (McWreath)

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve Nikolas Mower as Girls MS Assistant Soccer Coach, at the 9th step salary of \$3500, effective August 30, 2010

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

11. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath, to approve the following band employees:

- Jason Cheskawich - Brass Coordinator ,10th step salary of \$4000
- Natalie Earls - Auxiliary Coordinator, second step salary of \$2000

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori, Bodnovich)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

6.1 Informational item: Stakeholder Survey – Dr. Kasunich

6.2 Third day attendance report

6.3 2009-2010 Standardized Test Results

6.4 Informational item: Reception for Bobby Jones, Director of Athletics/Activities, will be held on Saturday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium. All coaches, parents and student participants will be invited.

6.5 Informational item: Results of WPIAL survey of eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities

6.6 Informational item: Trinity Middle School has submitted “Schools to Watch “ application

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

7.1 Informational item: Request from Range Resources to use Middle School as site of training exercise on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Dr. Kasunich noted that he was inquiring into having the school district be an active participant in the training exercise, and include Trinity South, Amwell Township Volunteer Fire Department and North Franklin Township Police and Fire Departments.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

8.1 Approval is recommended for the revised first reading of policy 008- Organization Chart – *September 16 meeting.*

12. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to waive policy 009 to allow for the adoption of revised policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities.

After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn and it was agreed that the second reading would take place at the September 16 meeting.

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

Mrs. Salvatori noted an article from PSBA regarding Pay to Play which dealt with school districts charging student athletes to play.

13. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to appoint Mr. Day as a voting delegate to the PSBA Conference to be held in Hershey, PA October 12-15
Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Kasunich noted the following:

- An executive session was held this evening at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel items
- Regular Board Meeting, Thursday September 16, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

- Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 7, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – Board Room, Trinity Hall

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session at 8:45 p.m. by Mr. Bodnovich to discuss personnel items.

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

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