

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
September 1, 2011
High School Auditorium

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

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

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

The Board welcomed Dr. Michael Lucas as the new Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Lucas addressed the community, indicating he is looking forward to working with the district.

1. Motion by Mr McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to add items 4.10 – to place the \$87,000 received from the Allegheny Ludlum Rebate Program into the fund balance until such time as the Board deems other disposition, and item 5.22, to create a clerical aide position in the Facilities/Food Service/ Transportation Department and to recall Darla Lewis, clerical aide, from furloughed status to fill that position.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve the minutes of the August 4 and 22, 2011 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Diane Ecker, South Strabane Township, addressed the Board expressing her opposition to the proposed reconfiguration of schools.

Cindy Shaw, North Franklin Township, noted concerns regarding the new food service company.

Gordon Lowry, Canton Township, discussed his concerns and opposition to the proposed reconfiguration of schools.

John Banasick, North Franklin Township, voiced his concerns regarding litigations, administrators' salary increases and the student participation fee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

4.1 Treasurer's Report

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$822,663.42 and from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$1,039.98 as well as payment to Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter and Graham for legal services in the amount of \$2,341.75 (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve payment of cafeteria bills as submitted (Item 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

- 4.4 Middle School and High School Activities Accounts and the Extra Curricular Account
- 4.5 Earned Income Tax Resolution
- 4.6 Mercantile Tax Collector
- 4.7 Income Tax Collection contracts
- 4.8 Contracts for collection of delinquent Earned Income Tax.
- 4.9 Amwell Township delinquent tax collector contract

5. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to place the \$87,000 received from the Allegheny Power rebate program into the fund balance until such time as the Board deems other disposition (Item 4.10)

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

- 5.1 Approval to pay Extra-Curricular bills that are time sensitive
- 5.2 Hall of Fame Account
- 5.3 Approval of Family Medical Leave
- 5.4 Approval of Nicole Dindak as a substitute teacher
- 5.5 Approval of Nicole Gillis as a substitute teacher
- 5.6 Approval of Chelsea Meharey as a substitute teacher
- 5.7 Approval of Katelynn Falleroni as a substitute teacher
- 5.8 Approval of Jamie Ramer as a substitute teacher
- 5.9 Approval of Briana Panseri as a substitute teacher
- 5.10 Approval of Sarh Nee as a substitute teacher
- 5.11 Approval of Emily Trifaro as a substitute teacher

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the resignation of Sherri D. Marchwinski, cafeteria employee, effective August 23, 2011; Lisa Waters, cafeteria employee, effective August 23, 2011; Ruth E. Hilderbrand, cafeteria monitor, effective August 29, 2011; the employment of Erin Helmkamp as Assistant Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach, effective August 22, 2011 at a salary of \$3500; Mellissa Gapsky as itinerant marching band staff member, effective September 2, 2011 at a salary of \$900; and Chrissa Sullivan as a substitute teacher, effective August 29, 2011. (Items 5. 12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16 and 5.17)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the employment of Suzanne Miller-Priest as a Nurse Aide, at a salary of \$18.12 per hour, effective September 2, 2011. (Item 5.18)

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens to employ Susan B. Crawford as an elementary teacher, effective September 2, 2011, at the first step Bachelor's salary of \$46,725 (Item 5.19)

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

9. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve raises for the Act 93 Administrators as per the Superintendent's recommendation (Item 5.20)

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to reinstate Kathryn Karoleski from furloughed status as an elementary teacher due to the splitting of classes at Trinity North, effective August 23, 2011 (Item 5.21)

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to create a clerical aide position in the Facilities/Food Service/Transportation Department and the reinstate Darla Lewis, clerical aide, from furloughed status to fill the position. (Item 5.22)

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

Dr. Kasunich updated the Board on current enrollment, the agreement with Seneca Valley for cyber services and student teacher agreements. (Items 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3)

- 6.4 PSSA Results 2010-2011 – Dr. Lucas, September 15 meeting
- 6.5 Summer School Results – Mrs. Nalepka, September 15 meeting
- 6.6 Grade Configuration proposed plan – September 15, meeting

12. Motion by Mr Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to approve the informal expulsion agreement for student T.W. (Item 6.7)

Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

13. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve bus routes and drivers for the 2011-2012 school year. (Item 7.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

- 8.1 Second reading of new policy 122.2 – Student Participation Fees

8.2 Addition of the Brownson House, Inc. to the list of approved groups as per Administrative Regulation 707.4

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

No report

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day and Colleen Interval, Representatives

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tina Hilk, Representative

No Report

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Clutter reported that the following committee meetings are scheduled: Education September 7 at 10 a.m.; Finance September 13 at 4 p.m.; Policy September 13 @ 5 p.m.; Transportation, Buildings and Grounds September 28 at 10 a.m., as well as a regular voting meeting of the Board September 15 at 6:30 in the high school auditorium.

14. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

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