

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
August 4, 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, John Keisling James Knapp (present from 6:30 to 8:13 p.m.), Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Colleen Interval, Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent

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

1.5 Minutes– *August 18 voting meeting*

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath seconded by Mr. Clemens to eliminate item 6.1, the addition of classes at Trinity North, from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Ed Dalton, North Franklin Township, thanked the Board and Dr. Kasunich for reinstating teachers. He also addressed the Board regarding the proposed participation fee and the ninth grade football coaching staff and scrimmage schedule.

Adam Henderson, Canton Township, thanked Dr. Kasunich for meeting with him in regards to the Alumni Football Game scheduled for next year.

Sherri Rohrbacher, South Strabane Township, commented on the benefits of employing a food service director versus contracting with a food service company.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, discussed class size in kindergarten, the proposed participation fee, and board members participation in Education Committee meetings.

Brenda Williamson, South Strabane Township, discussed enrollment at Trinity North and the need to reduce class sizes in grades 3 and 5.

Pattiann Berton, South Strabane Township, thanked the Board for reinstating teachers at Trinity North and the Middle School and noted the need for a reading specialist at Trinity East. She also presented a breakdown of topics addressed by the Board over the last year.

Tracey Henderson, North Franklin Township, noted that board members should be held accountable for their actions as individuals.

Mrs. Clutter spoke regarding the Alumni Football game and indicated that she had not had any communication with alumni who organized the event.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

4.1 Treasurer’s Report – *August 18 meeting*

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve payment of the General fund Bills in the amount of \$768,173.32 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$3,140.96. (Item 4.2)

Mr. McWreath requested that a payment for legal services in the amount of \$3,139.25 be held for review by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve payment of the cafeteria bills as submitted (Item 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

4.4 Middle School, High School and Extracurricular Accounts – *August 18 meeting*

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve to contract with Metz Culinary for food service for the 2011-2012 school year. (Item 4.5)

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

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

5. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to reinstate the two most senior and appropriately certified teachers for the splitting of classes as Trinity North for the 2011-2012 school year (Item 5.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton, to reinstate the two most senior and appropriately certified teachers for Middle School-Grade 6 (Item 5.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Harton, seconded by Mr. McWreath to appoint Dr. Michael Lucas as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for a five year term at a starting salary of \$107,000

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Knapp to table the appointment of Dr. Lucas as Assistant Superintendent

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

Mr. Keisling requested that the minutes reflect that the hiring would violate board policy 302, which requires board participation in the interview process.

8. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjourn to an executive session for personnel purposes.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Board met in an executive session from 7:22 to 7:36 p.m.

The original motion by Mr. Harton, seconded by Mr. McWreath, was withdrawn.

9. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Harton to waive policy 302 – Employment of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

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

10. Motion by Mr. Harton, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to employ Dr. Michael Lucas as Trinity Area School District Assistant Superintendent of Schools for a five year term effective August 29, 2011 at a starting salary of \$107,000, prorated for the 2011-2012 school year, with benefits as set forth in the contract with revisions regarding course work.

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

11. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to table the appointment of Teresa Sciulli as Transition Coordinator for a three year term at a starting salary of \$42,000 (Item 5.4).

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the resignation of Rebecca L. Wolf, Middle School English teacher, effective August 2, 2011 (Item 5.5).

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to accept the resignation of Amy Benedetti, Middle School Reading teacher, effective July 23, 2011 (Item 5.6).

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the resignation of Erik Presto, as 8th grade Second Assistant Football Coach, effective July 18, 2011 (Item 5.7).

Motion carried unanimously.

5.8 Approval of professional and non-professional substitutes for 2011-2012 – *August 18 voting meeting*

5.9 Approval of Family Medical Leave for employee L.B. – *August 18 voting meeting*

5.10 Approval of Family Medical Leave for employee H.E. – *August 18 voting meeting*

5.11 Approval of Band Staff for 2011 – *August 18 voting meeting*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

15. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to institute a participation fee of \$75 per student with a per-student cap of \$150 and a family cap of \$300 per year.(Item 6.2)

After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Harton to table the institution of a participation fee of \$75 per student with a per-student cap of \$150 and a family cap of \$300 per year.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Sixth Annual Kennywood Day to be held June 14, 2012. Terms and conditions remain the same. (Item 6.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kasunich reviewed the revised agreement with Seneca Valley to offer cyber courses at Trinity Area School District (Item 6.4). He also reviewed the summary of the 2011 parent, teacher and student survey, and noted that the results are available on the District website (Item 6.5). Dr. Kasunich also updated the Board on high school course offerings, the middle school schedule and staffing and enrollment, as well as special education enrollment (Items 6.6 and 6.7).

Mr. Knapp did not participate in the following items:

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

17. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to reject wastewater bids previously submitted to the district and continue the current agreement with H & H Water on a month to month basis in the amount of \$995 (Item 7.1).

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve parent provided transportation contracts for 2011-2012 as follows: Samantha Paluda @ \$25 per day and Frank Donley @ \$8.80 per day.

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve a contract with Gerald Main for student transportation to Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in the amount of \$99 per day.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots indicated that the report from Industrial Appraisal had not yet been received (Item 7.4).

20. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to allocate \$15,000 for Phase I of the rifle range renovation (Item 7.5).

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

8.1 Second reading of revised policy 620 – Maintenance of Fund Balance – *August 18 voting meeting*

8.2 First reading of revised Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities – *August 18 voting meeting*

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

No report

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

No report

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: Finance - August 9 at 4:00 p.m.; Policy - August 9 at 5 p.m.; Education - August 10 at 10 a.m. and Transportation, Building & Grounds - August 31 at 10 a.m. She also noted that the next regular meeting of the Board will be held August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium and that executive sessions were held this evening at 5:30 p.m., at 7:22 p.m. and on August 2 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel purposes.

21. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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