

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
April 4, 2013
High School Cafeteria

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

Board members present: Penny Caleffe; Henry Clemens; Sandra Clutter; Scott Day; Jenene Hupp; Colleen Interval; Jennifer Morgan; Shawn Mulac 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 minutes of the March 7 planning, and March 21 and April 1 reconvened voting meetings will be presented for approval at the April 18 voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Month for March will be recognized at the April 18 meeting.

Dr. Kasunich introduced and thanked W & J students who served as Big Brother/Big Sisters at Trinity West for the 2012-2013 school year. They were: Marisa Floro, Casey Smallwood, Angela Giglio, Dave Klawon, Megan Stoehr, Brianna Medeiros, Aleigh Carter-Croom, Lia Barnes, Eric Reynolds, Jath DiCecco, Sara Boehme, Courtney Whitsel and Caitlyn Datt.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jutca, advisor, introduced Trinity's Mock Trial teams who both made the finals. Team members included Stuart Young, Nate Ecker, Ryan Rohrbacher, Sami Golaski, Caylee Sams, Stephen Aber and Legend Thurman, Zachary Harris, Marlee Debolt, Anthony Salvatori, Lauren Gabriel, Delaney Elling, Blake Rohrbacher and Jacob Dobich. The attorney advisers are Jim McCune, esq. and Trinity graduate, Jerry Moschetta, esq.

Also recognized were students James Fong who auditioned and earned placement at the PMEA Region Band Festival in Mercer, PA, Liam and Deirdre Skiffington who auditioned and earned placement at the PMEA Region Orchestra Festival in Hollidaysburg, PA as well as Emily Drabeck who was named to the Honors Band of America.

Congratulations were extended to Trinity Area's music department, represented by Mr. Matt Stultz and Ms. Marsha Owens. The district has been recognized as a "Best Community for Music Education" in America by the NAMM Foundation for the fourth consecutive year.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Leslie Alexas, Canton Township, questioned when the Athletic Director's and the Transportation contracts were up. She also commented on the evaluation of administrators.

Steve Alexas, Canton Township, discussed the extension of the Athletic Director's contract.

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, commented on board policy 006 – Meetings, the removal/addition of agenda items, news articles regarding litigation concerning the transportation contract and attorney fees.

Allen Lott, Canton Township, commented on the transportation contract.

TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

Mr. West will present his food service department report at the voting meeting.

1. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Mulac, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$681,138.37, from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$12.60 and from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$412,936.09.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Middle School, High School, Extracurricular Account and Treasurer's Reports will be presented at the voting meeting.

Other items for action at the voting meeting will include:

- WACTC 2013-2014 budget
- Resolution regarding PDE Master Agreement
- Harris School Solutions Agreement
- Community College of Allegheny County Agreement
- Eric Ryan Corporation Agreement
- Replacement of a Bass for the Music Department

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

Action items at the voting meeting will include:

- Tri State Fitness Agreements (high school and middle school)
- Five Star Calendar Agreement
- Resignations
- Leaves of Absence
- Substitutes

2. Motion by Ms. Hupp, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve Laura Mucho as a volunteer coach (non compensated position) for spring outdoor track and field, effective March 4, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to employ James Eustis as a custodian, effective April 5, 2013, as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to furlough Sara Paterra, French teacher, effective the 2013-2014 school year due to the elimination of the French program.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Interval, Mulac, Clutter, Day, Hupp); 4 nays (Morgan, Salvatori, Caleffe, Clemens)

5. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Day, to extend the contract of Mr. Bobby Jones as Director of Athletics/Activities to August 9, 2017.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Mulac, Clutter, Day, Hupp, Interval); 4 nays (Morgan, Salvatori, Caleffe, Clemens)

6. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the contract between Trinity Area Support Professionals (Custodial Maintenance Unit) and the district.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Mulac, Salvatori, Caleffe, Clemens, Day, Hupp, Interval, Morgan); 1 nay (Clutter)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

Approval will be recommended for the “Inside Out Program” at the voting meeting.

Dr. Kasunich indicated that community, business, board members and parent representatives to address the District’s Comprehensive Plan would be recommended to the Board at the voting meeting.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Sandra Clutter, Chairperson

7. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to purchase a tractor for Trinity Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$8,600.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens to purchase and install a fence at Trinity East’s upper playground, at a cost not to exceed \$7,800.00

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Ms. Hupp, to purchase weight room equipment at a cost not to exceed \$6,851.70

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson

10. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to adopt revised policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities, to be effective July 1, 2013.

Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to table the adoption of revised policy 122.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Clutter, Day, Hupp, Interval, Mulac); 4 nays (Salvatori, Caleffe, Clemens, Morgan)

Mrs. Morgan indicated that policies 303-Employment of Administrators and 404-Employment of Professional Employees had been discussed at the Policy Committee meeting. Dr. Kasunich indicated that Board members would be invited to participate in final interviews of candidates for open positions.

**WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – Penny Caleffe,
Representative/Tamara Salvatori, Alternate**

No report.

**NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Sandra Clutter, Jenene
Hupp, Scott Day & Henry Clemens, Representatives**

No report

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Gist Wylie, Representative

No report.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Day announced that the board met in executive session at 5:30 p.m., April 4, 2013 for personnel purposes. It was noted that the Finance/Transportation Committee meeting has been changed to April 23 from April 24.

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
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