

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
February 7, 2013
High School Auditorium

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; Sandra Clutter; Scott Day; Jenene Hupp; Colleen Interval; Jennifer Morgan; Shawn Mulac and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Henry Clemens

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.

Dr. Kasunich updated the Board on the security audits. He indicated that two community members who worked in the security field were reviewing the audits. He will report back to the board with recommendations. Dr. Kasunich also reported on the elementary matching grants application, noting that it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to extend the window for submission grant proposals to two years.

The minutes of the January 3 and 17, 2013 meetings will be presented for approval at the February 21 voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Month for January will be recognized at the February 21 meeting.

Dr. Kasunich extended appreciation to the Washington County Community Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from their EIO fund to be used for the Accelerated Reader Program. The grant was made possible by CONSOL Energy.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Patti Ann Berton, South Strabane Township, thanked the board, district and administrators for their fundraising efforts in support of her son. She also commented on the JROTC program and the budget.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, addressed the board concerning the revisions of policies, in particular policy 202- Eligibility of Nonresident Students and 006 – Meetings.

Josh Larkin, Canton Township/student, spoke in support of the JROTC program.

Judi Panasik, commented on the eligibility policy and the nepotism policy.

TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

Mr. Charles Rupert, Cypher & Cypher, CPA's, presented the Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2012.

1. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Mulac to approve the Audit Report prepared by Cypher & Cypher, CPA's for the year ended June 30, 2012. (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

The agreement with Range Resources for the Middle School oil and gas lease was tabled pending review by Range's legal counsel.

2. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve a 2.5 percent salary increase for four years for the real estate tax collectors as submitted. (Item 4.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Mulac, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$383,393.27 and from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$1,106.84 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$4,092.00 and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$71,830.13 (items 4.5)

Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report, Middle School, High School Activities, Extra Curricular Accounts and Classroom Lease Agreement with the Intermediate Unit for 2012-13 will be voted on at the February 21 meeting.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

4. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to employ Rebecca MacTaggart as a special service aide effective January 18, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Mulac to accept the resignation of Jade C. Fiore, Special Education teacher at Trinity South Elementary, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent.

Motion carried unanimously.

Retirements, substitute employees and employee requests for leaves of absence will be voted on at the February 21 meeting.

The Article of Agreement for Athletic Training Internships with California University will be voted on at the February 21 meeting.

Dr. Kasunich announced that Elisabeth Perry has been granted tenure, effective January 23, 2013.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

6. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to approve the Regional Online Academy agreement between Trinity Area, Washington and Western Beaver School Districts (Item 6.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Sandra Clutter, Chairperson

No report

POLICY COMMITTEE – Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson

Mrs. Morgan presented the first reading of revisions to Policy 202-Eligibility of Nonresident Students for review. The second reading for approval will be presented at the February 21 voting meeting.

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

Mrs. Caleffe reported that eleven Trinity students had attained high honors at WACTC and twenty students were on the honor roll.

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

No report

CITIZENS LIBRARY

Mrs. Salvatori indicated that Mrs. Hilk has resigned as the representative to the Library and requested that anyone interested in the position contact the Library Board.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A list of committee meeting dates was provided; the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 21.

7. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Mulac to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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