

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
March 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; Henry Clemens (participated via telephone); Scott Day; Colleen Interval; Jennifer Morgan; Shawn Mulac and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Sandra Clutter; Jenene Hupp

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

The minutes of the February 7 and 21, 2013 meetings will be presented for approval at the March 21 voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

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

Mrs. Sherry Knight, high school art teacher, recognized students who earned awards at the Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards held at California University. Those students who received awards were:

GOLD KEY WINNERS

Haven Anderson-Printmaking
Zachary Hancher - Printmaking
Brandon Morran - Digital Art
Emily Poye-Sculpture
Rachel Raska - Painting

SILVER KEY WINNERS

Hannah Bryker - Painting
Letitia Cawley - Photography
Heather Craig - Painting
Dennae Makel - Drawing
Carly McCoy - Drawing and Mixed Media
Brandon Morran - Sculpture
Sarah Urso - Painting

MERIT AWARDS

Haven Anderson - Printmaking
Hannah Bryker - Photography
Letitia Cawley - Mixed Media
Heather Craig - Painting
Aaron Faith - Printmaking
Danielle Frank - Painting
Dennae Makel - Drawing
Carly McCoy - Drawing
Patrick O'Shell - Sculpture
Sarah Urso - Painting

Appreciation was extended to the Washington County Community Foundation for allocations from the Scott Ashmore Legacy Fund in support of the Hunter's Safety Program and from the Lori Hill Orchestral Fund for support of the orchestra program.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, expressed concerns over the possible change to the district's transportation companies and health insurance provider.

Jack Keisling, South Strabane Township, addressed the board regarding the financial impact of the district's possible withdrawal from the IU's health insurance consortium.

Rick Mancini, South Strabane Township, distributed a comparison of proposals for the bus transportation contract. He also discussed the implications of the district withdrawing from the IU health insurance consortium.

Judi Panasic, South Strabane Township, discussed the transportation contract and possible changes to the health insurance provider.

TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

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

1. Motion by Mr. Mulac, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$260,491.12, from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$4,620.00 and from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$136.94.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget for 2013-2014 will be recommended at the voting meeting.

Approval will be recommended for the Blackboard Engage (EDLine) web hosting agreement for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at the voting meeting.

The appointment of Amwell Township as Act 511 Mercantile Tax Collector and Delinquent Mercantile Tax Collector for the District for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 at an annual cost of \$950, a 2.5% increase, will be recommended at the voting meeting.

The district's possible intent to withdraw from the IU Health Insurance Consortium to be effectively withdrawn by June 30, 2013 will be voted on at the March 21, 2013 meeting.

Chris Chambers, South Strabane Township, indicated that, at Dr. Kasunich's request, he would review all health insurance proposals and options and report to the board.

Mr. Day indicated that he would report back to the board regarding the North Franklin Township Authority after their meeting next week.

2. Motion by Mrs. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to contract with GG & C and Schweinebraten Bus companies for school bus service for the 2013-2014 school year, through the 2017-2018 school year.

On a roll call vote, motion failed. 3 ayes (Morgan, Salvatori, Caleffe); 3 nays (Day, Interval, Mulac) Mr. Clemens did not vote.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

Resignations, substitutes, and requests for leaves of absence will be presented at the March 21 voting meeting.

Approval will be recommended to furlough Sara Pattera, French teacher, effective the 2013-2014 school year due to the elimination of the French program at the voting meeting.

Volunteer Varsity Lacrosse coaches will be presented for approval at the voting meeting.

Approval will be recommended to extend the contract of Mr. Bobby Jones, Director of Athletics/Activities to August 9, 1917 at the voting meeting.

Also for approval at the March 21 meeting will be the contract between Trinity Area Support Professionals (Custodial/Maintenance Unit) and the district.

3. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the staff for the Spring Musical, as follows:
 - Adam Brock - Director
 - Matthew Stultz - Music Director
 - Mark Marietta - Technical Director
 - Marsha Owens - Producer
 - Rebecca MacTaggart - Choreographer (contracted service at a cost of \$750)
 - Maggie Sisson - Pit Musician (contracted service at a cost of \$650)

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

Approval will be recommended for the 2013-2014 school calendar at the voting meeting.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Sandra Clutter, Chairperson

The purchase of Jamblocks for the elementary classrooms, door knobs and locks at the middle school, the replacement of the electronic message board at the middle school and economizers for the elementary office areas will be presented at the voting meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson

The addition of the Trinity Girls Lacrosse Club to the list of Approved Groups will be recommended at the voting meeting. Also, revisions to Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities was discussed. Those revisions will be presented for a first reading in April, to be effective the 2013-2014 school year.

**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

The approval of Mr. Gist Wylie as the board’s representative to the library will be presented at the March 21 meeting.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Day announced that the board met in executive session at 5:00 p.m., March 7, 2013 for personnel purposes.

4. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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