

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
January 3, 2013
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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.

Mr. Day announced that the district is the recipient of a grant, in conjunction with Washington and Western Beaver School Districts, from the Grable Foundation in the amount of \$176,000 for the implementation of an Online Learning Academy. He also noted that the district has received approval for the JROTC program and that the board committees will remain the same for 2013.

Dr. Kasunich addressed safety concerns in the district and distributed a list of provisions which are in place in the buildings as well as the cost of additional items and safeguards being considered.

The minutes of the December 6, 2012 Reorganization and Regular meetings will be presented for approval at the January 17 voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Month for November and December will be recognized at the January 17 meeting.

Mrs. Denise Kuhn, on behalf of the board, presented student Peter Rinehart a Certificate of Recognition from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, issued by Senator Timothy J. Solobay, State Senator 46th District. Peter earned second place in the Junior Individual Exhibit at the 2012 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest in College Park, Maryland.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

The following community members commented on a letter to the editor which appeared in the Observer Reporter regarding safety concerns in the district: John Plants, Amwell Township; Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township and Jane Anne Songer, South Strabane Township.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, addressed the board regarding the letter as well as concerns with the implementation of the JROTC program.

William Hall, North Franklin Township, commented on an incident which occurred at Trinity East with regard to safety concerns.

Tina Bockstoce, Amwell Township, addressed the board with concerns over the lack of surveillance at Trinity South.

Rose Hall, South Strabane Township, commented on the incident at Trinity East.

TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Motion by Mr. Mulac, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,314,076.40 and from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$2,119.70 and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$92,059.09 (items 4.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Ms. Hupp to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. (item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve the Middle School, High School and Extra Curricular Accounts as submitted. (item 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

The following items will be recommended for approval at the January 17, 2013 voting meeting:

- Act 1 Budget resolution for 2013-14
- Lease with Range Resources at the Middle School
- Matching Grants at the elementary schools in the amount of \$15,000

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

4. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the resignations of Elaine Blackhurst as the Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach, effective January 4, 2013 and Patricia Frank as a special service aide, effective January 11, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

The employment of a secondary Social Studies teacher was put on hold.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report

BUILDING & GROUNDS

No report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report

**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 – Tina Hilk, Representative

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Day announced the following:

- A voting meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 17, 2013 at 6:30 in the high school auditorium and the first Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m., January 3, 2013 in the Board Room.
 - Executive session was held at 5 p.m. January 3, 2013 for personnel and litigation purposes.
2. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to adjourn to executive session to discuss other matters, at 7:25 p.m. with no action to follow.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

