

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting  
January 9, 2014  
High School Auditorium

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

Board members present: Penny Caleffe, Henry Clemens, Thomas Durbin, Frances Eates, Joseph LaBella, Kerrin McIlvaine, Jennifer Morgan and Edmund B. Trapuzzano

Absent: Jenene Hupp

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent; Michael P. Lucas, Assistant Superintendent; David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Kelly Stepp, Solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Mrs. Morgan appointed Frances Eates to fill the remainder of a 5 year term ending December of 2017 as a representative to the North Franklin Township Recreation and Business Improvement Authority

Minutes of the November 7, 21 and December 5 meetings will be presented for approval at the voting meeting.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

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

Dr. Kasunich extended appreciation to the Washington County Community Foundation for providing two grants from the EIO Fund. The first grant in the amount of \$11,250 was made possible by corporate sponsor Washington Financial and will be used for Guided Reading Material. The second grant in the amount of \$11,000 was made possible by CONSOL Energy and will be used to support the Accelerated Reader Program.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Gary Stadelman, South Strabane Township, spoke in support of the First Semester College in High School Program.

### **TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE**

Dr. Kasunich indicated that the 2012-2013 Audit Report would be presented at the voting meeting.

Mr. West, Food Service Director, presented the Food Service Report for November and December (Item 4.2)

The Treasurer's Report will be submitted for approval at the voting meeting.

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,053,928.95 from the Extracurricular Account in the amount of \$5,016.31 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$18,930.00 and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$191,553.18 (Item 4.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve revisions to bus routes as per attachments (Item 4.5)

Motion carried unanimously.

### **PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS**

3. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the resignations of Laura Mucho as Winter Track Coach and Nick Whipkey as Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective November 5, 2013; Michael Marino as Head Softball Coach effective January 10, 2014; and the resignation for retirement purposes of Mary Lou McNansky, Special Service Aide, effective March 1, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano to approve Johnathan O'Brien and Karen Chisholm as a substitute teachers, Thomas Atchison as a substitute custodian, and Monica Weichel and Jennifer Gregg as a substitute special service aides - effective January 10, 2014 (Item 5.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to employ Jeff Ealy as a custodian effective January 10, 2014; Joseph Ingram as a maintenance employee effective on or before January 27, 2014; and Kenneth Evans as 7th grade Boys Basketball Head Coach, at the third step salary of \$2,601.00 effective January 10, 2014, for a one year agreement (Item 5.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve Family Medical Leaves, not to exceed 12 weeks from the effective dates, for employees L.B. effective approximately January 17, 2014 and K.K. effective approximately January 11, 2014; and an intermittent Family Medical Leave for employee K.K. effective November 8, 2013

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. LaBella for Ryan Hagerman as a volunteer (non-compensated position) Winter Track Coach, effective January 10, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to advertise the position of District Solicitor. On a roll call vote, motion failed: 4 ayes (LaBella, McIlvaine, Morgan, Trapuzzano); 4 nays (Durbin, Eates, Caleffe, Clemens)

## **EDUCATION**

Elementary enrollment updates were provided (Item 6.1)

9. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve Trinity Area School District's participation in Robert Morris University's First Semester College in High School Program. (Item 6.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan as attached (Item 6.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lucas, Assistant Superintendent, addressed the board regarding the proposal of a new course, Financial Algebra (Item 6.4)

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

11. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve the Trinity Area School District Hall of Fame occupy the space designated at the entrance of the High School Gym.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **POLICY**

Revised policy 215.1 – Subject Acceleration was presented for review. The policy will be presented for adoption at the voting meeting.

## **WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – Penny Caleffe, Representative/Joseph LaBella, Alternate Representative**

Mrs. Caleffe reported that she had participated in Senator Murphy's tour of WACTC.

**NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Henry Clemens, Representative**

No report

**CITIZENS LIBRARY – Gist Wylie, Representative**

No report

**PSBA LIAISON – Tom Durbin**

No report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Dr. Kasunich announced that executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. for personnel purposes.

12. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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David G. Roussos, Secretary  
Trinity Area School District Board of Education