

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
March 6, 2014
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President, Jennifer Morgan followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Penny Caleffe, Henry Clemens (via telephone), Frances Eates, Joseph LaBella, Kerrin McIlvaine, Jennifer Morgan and Edmund B. Trapuzzano

Others present: Michael P. Lucas, Assistant Superintendent; David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Absent: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent, Thomas Durbin, and Jenene Hupp

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan announced that an Athletic Committee of the Board will be formed. She invited members of the community who wished to participate to contact her.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lucas introduced Mr. Jeff Belsky, Vice President Strategic Initiatives at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute. Mr. Belsky discussed a proposed articulation agreement with Trinity which would allow students to participate in introductory courses in the oil and gas industry.

Mrs. Karen Richmond and Mr. John Artuso of the Band Boosters Association spoke with regard to the band program. Band members, led by Mr. Matt Stultz, performed in recognition of Music in Our Schools Month.

Minutes of the February 6 and 20 meetings will be approved at the voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

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

Dr. Lucas introduced members of Trinity Middle School's Math Counts team: Will Edgar, Jordan Laschinsky, Sam Hululko, and Alison Spadaro. He noted that the team came in second place at the regional competition held February 15 and were awarded "Most Improved School". Team members are students of gifted teachers Heather Mohr and Janice Kuhn.

Also recognized were Southwestern PA Scholastic Arts and Writing Award Winners. Mrs. Sherry Knight gave a brief overview of the program and congratulated students Cassandra Beresh, American Vision/Gold Key winner; Katy Brock and Letty Cawley, Gold Key winners; Lindsey Briant, Katey Brock, Hannah Bryker, Letty Cawley, and Kayla Kazarick, Silver Key winners; and Letty Cawley, Noah Cerciello, and Serena Green, Merit. Teachers Jennifer Lanas and Lisa Jenkins were also responsible for guiding the students.

Dr. Lucas introduced Mr. Bill Spencer, School Nurse at Trinity East Elementary. He thanked Mr. Spencer for his exemplary handling of a critical situation involving a student.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Coaches Becky Luzier, Cassidy Schemm, and Jerry Morrow, as well as student Anna Essig, spoke in support of the district sponsoring Girls Lacrosse.

FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION

The Finance Committee report will be presented at the voting meeting.

The Treasurer's Report will be available for action at the voting meeting.

1. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$137,674.23; from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$5,739.63; and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$84,408.90 (Items 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve to contract with parent Linda Dallatore to provide student transportation at .56 center per mile, effective February 20, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the Highmark Workers' Compensation Physicians Panel as attached.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to remove James Shargots and appoint David G. Roussos as delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee, representing the interests of the Trinity Area School District as well as remove Tom Bodnovich and appoint Jennifer Morgan as alternate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee, representing the interests of the Trinity Area School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 2014-15 Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget, the Sentinal Security and Investigations agreement, the Five Star Sports Calendar agreement, and the Tri State Fitness Services Preventive Maintenance Service Agreements for the high school and middle school, will be recommended at the voting meeting.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

Mr. Bobby Jones, Director of Athletics/Activities, discussed the possibility of adding Girls Lacrosse as a district-sponsored sport. He will present his Winter Sports Report at the voting meeting.

5. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to employ the following effective March 7, 2014:

- Softball Coaching Staff - Ryan Daloia, JV Head Coach at the max step of \$4,682; Anson Zacour, JV Assistant Coach at the 8th step salary of \$3,121 and Jim Faiella, 7th & 8th grade Head Coach at the max step of \$4,682; Kristen Zelenka 7th & 8th grade Assistant Coach at the base step salary of \$1,561 for a one year agreement
- Janel Catherman as Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach at the base salary step of \$1,561 for a one year agreement
- Ashley Young as Middle School Track and Field Assistant Coach at the base salary step of \$1,561 for a one year agreement
- Marc Vlainich, Boys Varsity Assistant Lacrosse coach at the base salary step of \$2,081 for a one year agreement
- Tim McClelland, Boys Lacrosse Volunteer Coach (non-compensated position)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve the following Spring Musical Staff, effective March 7, 2014: Adam Brock, Director, at a salary of \$2,340; Masha Owens, Producer, at a salary of \$1,872; Matthew Stultz, Music Director at a salary of \$1,872; and Rebecca MacTaggart, Choreographer, at a rate of \$750

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to accept the resignations of Kayla M. McKelvey as Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach effective February 3, 2014, and Chinyu Hsu, Foreign Language teacher, effective February 28, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve the following substitute employees effective March 7, 2014: Cafeteria – Tracy McDermott; Teachers – Ashley Young, Bethany Johnston, Angela Iams, Chaleece McCracken, Janel Catherman, and Alex Nikolopoulos.

Motion carried unanimously.

Employee requests for leaves of absence will be recommended for approval at the voting meeting.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee report will be available at the voting meeting.

9. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve students enrolled in Chinese I and II to complete their course via Distance Learning via the Live Video Network from A.W. Beattie Career Center at a cost not to exceed \$2,600.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to discontinue Trinity Area’s Chinese language program at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

The following items will be presented for approval at the voting meeting: PTI’s Oil and Gas Introductory course, the 2014-2015 School Calendar, and the 2014-2015 High School Program of Studies.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

POLICY

11. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to temporarily suspend Nepotism policies 303.1 – Administrative Employees, 404.1-Professional Employees, and 504.1 – Classified Employees, based on policy 009 – Policy Development, pending further review by the board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding policy 004.1 – Student Advisory Board member. The board indicated they would consider appointing a student member beginning the 2014-2015 school year.

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

No report

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Henry Clemens and Frances Eates, Representatives

No report

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Gist Wylie, Representative

No report

PSBA LIAISON – Tom Durbin

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive sessions were held at 4:30 p.m. March 3 and at 5:30 p.m. March 6 for personnel purposes.

12. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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