

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
February 5, 2015
Board Room, Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President, Jennifer Morgan, followed by the pledge of allegiance, and roll call.

Board members present: Penny Caleffe, Henry Clemens, Sean Dobich, Thomas Durbin, Frances Eates, Frank Golsky, Kerrin McIlvaine, Jennifer Morgan, and Edmund B. Trapuzzano

Others present: Dr. Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent; David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Donald Snoke, Assistant Superintendent; Barb Graham, solicitor, and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 8 and 22 board meetings, November 5 Finance Committee meeting, and February 2 Education Committee meetings will be presented for approval at the voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations were extended to the following Scholastic Art Award Winners:

- Gold – Cassidy Bandzuch (Painting)
- Silver – Madyson Amitrone (Painting), Cassidy Bandzuch (Painting), Nicole Fowler (Digital-Drawing), Zachary Hancher (Digital), Elise Mowrey (Printmaking), Makala Plants (Printmaking)
- Merit – Cassidy Bandzuch (Digital), Toby Cullings (Mixed Media), Kera Curry (Painting), Madison Grey (Printmaking), and Amber Hohing (Mixed Media)

REPORTS

JROTC State of the Hillers Battalion Address -

Hailey Spears and Dakota Lemley addressed the board regarding their experiences as members of JROTC.

President's Report -

1. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Clemens to add the following item to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to approve the waiver of a conflict of interest, to allow Peacock Keller to represent the School District with respect to a specific student (P.L.) despite the representation by one of its partners who does not service the School District, of the student's parents (B.L. and M.L.) on a matter completely unrelated to the School District, a number of years ago. In approving the motion, the Superintendent is also directed to execute an appropriate letter on behalf of the District advising parents' counsel of the waiver.

Motion carried unanimously.

Food Service Report – Nicolle Bazant Pleil, Food Service Manager-

Mrs. Bazant-Pleil updated the board on events taking place in the Food Service Department including Lucky Tray Day, Share Baskets, and new smoothie machines at the high school. She also discussed new requirements regarding collection of IOU's.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dana Ledger, South Strabane Township resident and Trinity South Elementary Teacher, addressed the board in support of JROTC. She noted various ways members of JROTC were involved in mentoring and volunteering with elementary and middle school students.

FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION

2. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Dobich, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$282,195.29, from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$48,852.75, and from the Extracurricular Account in the amount of \$1,586.00 (Item 5.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report and a service agreement with ComDoc will be presented for approval at the voting meeting.

3. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to dispose of a 2002 GMC Savanna nine passenger student transport van (VIN#1GTGG25WX21127225), and obsolete computer equipment as attached, as per policy 706.1 Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property. (Item 5.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

4. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe to employ the following:
 - Thomas J. Samosky as High School Principal, effective February 16, 2015 at a salary of \$112,000.00 (prorated).
 - Mike Marino as JV Head Softball Coach, at the maximum salary of \$4,775.00
 - Angelo Marino as 7th/8th Grade Girls Assistant Softball Coach, at the maximum salary of \$4,245.00
 - Bobbi Belleville as JV Girls Assistant Softball Coach, at the maximum salary of \$4,245.00

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to accept the resignations of Anson Zacour as JV Assistant Softball Coach and Caitlin Deep as Girls Volleyball Head coach

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Family Medical Leaves not to exceed twelve weeks for employees M.B, effective approximately February 2, 2015, and B.C., effective approximately April 16, 2015; Intermittent Family Medical Leaves for J.R. effective February 9, 2015 through February 8, 2016 and for L.M effective January 30, 2015 through January 29, 2016; extension of unpaid leave without benefits for J.G. effective February 10, 2015 through the end of the 2014-

2015 school year; continuation of an unpaid leave of absence for B.J. effective February 11, 2015 through April 10, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approved Cassandra Olivio as a substitute teacher, effective February 6, 2015 and Kelly Secreti as a substitute custodian (summer cleaning), effective June 10, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve Laura Mucho as a Volunteer Winter Track coach, non-compensated position, effective February 6, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trinity Area Education Association and the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lucas announced that Craig Uram had been granted tenure status, effective January 20, 2015.

EDUCATION

10. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve expulsion agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lucas indicated that the 2015-2016 school calendar was provided for information. The calendar is scheduled for board approval in March.

11. Motion by Mr. Golsky, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to name the following people to the VoAg Occupational Advisory Committee:

Donald Snoke - Horse Farmer/Beef Farmer/Garden Production Owner - Operator/ Forage Production Worker - Operator
Aaron Stimmell, Local Commercial Greenhouse – Owner/Operator
Ashley Hobgood – FFA President
Joe Karnes – Horse Owner / Farmer and Vegetable Producer / Owner - Operator
Patrick Rush – Dairy Farmer/Co-Owner - Operator
Aaron Margaria – Farmer / Agriculture Consultant - Independent Owner - Operator
William Black, Farmer Owner - Operator / Retired Agriculture Teacher
Tom Lane, Farmer Owner - Operator / Retired Agriculture Teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

POLICY

12. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve revised policy 806 – Child Abuse, as attached. (Item 9.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve revised policy 916 – Volunteers, as attached. (Item 9.2)
Motion carried unanimously.

First readings of policies 718 – Service Animals, and 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline records were presented for review.

14. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to add Washington Soccer, Inc. to the list of board approved groups, as per Administrative Regulation 707-4.
Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – Penny Caleffe, Representative
Discussion was held regarding WACTC staffing.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Henry Clemens and Frances Eates, Representatives
No report.

PSBA LIAISON – Frank Golsky
No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive sessions were held January 22, 2015 following the regular board meeting, January 28, 2015 following the Finance Committee meeting, February 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m. February 5, 2015 – for personnel purposes.

15. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Trapuzano, to adjourn the meeting to executive session for personnel purposes at 7:12p.m., with no action to follow.
Motion carried unanimously.

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