

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting  
January 8, 2015  
Board Room, Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President, Jennifer Morgan, followed by the pledge of allegiance, and roll call.

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

Absent: Henry Clemens

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

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to amend item 5.5 on the agenda to read, "to accept the resignations of John Turek and Gordon Lowry as High School Band Directors effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year".

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – voting meeting**

#### **Student Advisory Board Member and Alternate – voting meeting**

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the December Reorganization and Regular meetings and committee meetings will be approved at the voting meeting.

#### **RECOGNITIONS – voting meeting**

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Stacy Baldwin, South Strabane Township, spoke in support of Mr. Coyle.

#### **FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION**

Cypher and Cypher will present the 2013-2014 audit report at the voting meeting.

2. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$976,535.55, , from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$83,529.66, and from the Extracurricular Account in the amount of \$1,374.66. (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report will be approved at the voting meeting.

3. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to adopt the attached resolution to freeze all discretionary spending in the 2015-2016 budget unless deemed necessary by the superintendent. (Item 4.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lucas noted that all discretionary spending would cease for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year as well.

#### **PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS**

4. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the following substitute employees:

- Timothy Burchett, substitute teacher, effective January 9, 2015 (policy 304.1 applies)
- Jillene Losko, substitute clerical/special service aide, effective January 9, 2015
- Ruth Lang, long-term substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at \$175.00 per day, retroactive to August 26, 2014

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve unpaid leaves of absence for the following employees:

- J.G., effective December 17, 2014 (PM) through approximately February 10, 2015
- T.D., effective December 17, 2014, not to exceed eight weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Golsky, to adjust the salary of Ron Dami, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Wrestling Coach to the 6<sup>th</sup> step salary of \$3,714.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve Katherin Kroscko as a volunteer Rifle Coach (non compensated position), effective January 9, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to accept the resignations of John Turek and Gordon Lowry as High School Band Directors effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to rescind the action taken at the June 7, 2012 meeting which was designed to extend Ryan Coyle's service as Head Varsity Football Coach and Head Weightlifting Coach from April 6, 2013 through April 5, 2017. This action immediately ends Mr. Coyle's status as the Head Varsity Football Coach and Head Weightlifting Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Dobich, to post and subsequently advertise the position of Band Director, to be effective the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to post and advertise the position of Head Varsity Football/Head Weightlifting Coach  
Motion carried unanimously.

**EDUCATION**

Discussion was held regarding tenth grade students potentially being required to take the PSAT in order for the district to be awarded School Performance Profile points.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

No report.

**POLICY**

Discussion was held regarding policies 806 – Child Abuse and 916 – Volunteers. It was determined that these policies would be reviewed by the solicitor and presented as a first reading at a later date.

New policy 317.1 – Educator Misconduct, was presented as a first reading. The second reading for adoption will be presented at the January 22, 2015 voting meeting.

**WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – Penny Caleffe, Representative**

No report.

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

No report.

**PSBA LIAISON – Frank Golsky**

Mr. Golsky reported on PSERS information.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. for personnel and solicitor’s advice.

12. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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