

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
October 2, 2014
Board Room, Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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, Frank Golsky, Joseph LaBella, Kerrin McIlvaine, Jennifer Morgan, and Edmund B. Trapuzzano

Others present: Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent; David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Donald Snoke, High School Principal; Barbara Graham and Rachel Lozosky, solicitors, and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan thanked Mr. Durbin and the Athletic Committee for the banners that were hung in the middle school gymnasium. She also addressed the audience and indicated that the board has no intention of eliminating the band program.

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

Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Durbin to direct and authorize the District Superintendent to retain the services of a private investigator, to investigate questionable student residency issues. This directive and authorization is in furtherance of the District's interest in educating only those students whom it has a legal responsibility to educate, in accordance with federal and state law, and in furtherance of its interest in seeking reimbursement of education costs, court costs and investigator fees, from those individuals who have misrepresented their children's status as students whom the District has a legal responsibility to educate.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lucas will present his report at the voting meeting.

MINUTES

For approval at the voting meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Ryan Neely, Nancy Bryan, Sandy Anderson (Canton Township residents), Lane Turturice (South Strabane Township resident), John Plants (Amwell Township resident), and Kim Fonner (North Franklin township) addressed the board with concerns regarding the band program.

FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION

2. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,487,418.44 from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$57,540.89, and from the Extracurricular Account in the amount of \$1,125.00 (Items 4.1)
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August, 2014, as attached (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

4. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the employment of Michael Randall as HVAC Maintenance effective October 3, 2014 at the rate of \$21.50 per hour, to include five (5) vacation days at the start of his employment (Policy 304-1 applies); and Melissa Opalanko as 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach at the base step salary of \$2,122 effective the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the following substitute employees, effective October 3, 2014:
Teachers – Melanie Polesovsky, Rachel Dzik, and McCall Forgie
Cafeteria worker – Rebecca George

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to accept the resignations of Meghan Brownlee as Assistant Cheerleading Coach effective September 19, 2014; Adam Brock as Director of the High School Musical effective September 23, 2014; Joan Rogers as a Food Service employee effective September 30, 2014; and Jeannette Hartley as Elementary Social Studies Chair effective the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve an intermittent Family Medical Leave for P.S., effective October 2, 2014 through October 1, 2015; and an unpaid medical leave for T.C. effective October 8, 2014, not to exceed six weeks.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve Tara Krieger to serve as a Cheerleading Chaperone Volunteer (non-compensated position), effective October 3, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve a 2.5% salary increase of non-bargaining unit personnel (cafeteria monitors, crossing guard, and substitute AESOP facilitator) for the 2014-2015 year, effective July 1, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve Advisors and Supplemental Positions for 2014-2015 as attached (Item 5.7).

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the Amendment to the Agreement between the School District and its Accommodations Facilitator.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to ratify the Superintendent's action in eliminating one physical education teaching position at the high school and in involuntarily transferring the affected teacher to the middle school.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to name Robyn Willis Special Education Department Representative effective the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION

14. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve the Articulation Agreement between Delaware Valley College and Trinit High School for students to receive college credit for completion of the Agriculture Science curriculum, as attached (Item 6.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to approve the Trinity Area School District Administration to research and develop different grade level configurations and share with school board directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the use of psychological services from Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the Meal Service Agreement between the District and Community Action Southwest for Pre-K children during the 2014-2015 school year, as attached (Item 6.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

18. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the request from Trinity West Football Boosters to install a plaque at the Trinity West practice field in recognition of retiring coach Jason Rice.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY

Revisions to Administrative Regulation 707-4, Approved Groups, will be presented for approval at the voting meeting.

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

Dr. Lucas noted that the district had sent a letter to WACTC requesting that Trinity Area students attend the A.M. session only beginning the 2015-2016 school year. He indicated that Mr. Snoke and Mr. Scott had reported that this would save the district over \$70,000.

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

Mrs. Eates reported that she had attended the dedication of the walking trail and that the Cancer Society had complimented Trinity Area for their support of the Cancer Walk on October 18.

PSBA LIAISON – Frank Golsky

Mrs. Morgan reported that Mr. Golsky would take over as PSBA Liaison.

Mr. Golsky noted that PSBA had reported that over \$30 million had been embezzled by cyber schools.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. October 2, 2014 for personnel and litigation purposes.

19. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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