

## **TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes of the October 11, 2010 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Board Room -Trinity Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Day

Committee members present: Scott Day, Chairman, Dennis McWreath and Colleen Interval

Also present: Paul Kasunich, Superintendent (arrived at 4:45 p.m.); James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary and Judy Walz, recording secretary

#### Public Comment

Judi Panasic, South Strabane Township, noted her concerns regarding the TIF project and questioned Bass Pro Shops commitment to locating in the township as originally planned.

Mr. McWreath commented on TIF meeting minutes and the original development plan. He also reviewed projected tax revenue versus actual revenue from the Tanger Outlets. It was the consensus of the committee that the Board request the administration contact Bass Pro regarding their intentions.

Mr. Day noted that he had researched interscholastic sports insurance and indicated that it would be worthwhile in his opinion. He suggested that the insurance be included in next years' budget.

Mr. Shargots noted that a meeting would be held October 19 at 10 a.m. with a representative from the Auditor General's Office for an audit review.

He also reported that he had researched electronic bill payments and noted that ProSoft Technology software was available in 125 schools in PA. There were 10 schools that have the software. Mr. Shargots contacted 4 local schools and none paid vendors directly. He noted that one school had several vendors increase their cost due to bank fees.

An updated budget timeline which indicated that the preliminary budget would go to the Board March 3, 2011 was distributed. Discussion was held regarding the recent hiring of special service aides and the impact the additional personnel would have on the budget.

Guidelines for the use of district facilities were reviewed by Mr. Shargots. Discussion was held regarding the need for security and medical personnel at district events. Mr. Shargots also gave an update on the Capital Reserve Account, noting several outstanding projects and distributed an updated equipment inventory for 2011-12.

Discussion was held on bus runs for athletic events. Mrs. Interval noted transportation issues for several athletic events; Dr. Kasunich remarked that scheduling changes are usually to blame for athletic transportation issues. Discussion was held regarding using both contracted bus companies to alleviate the problem.

Mr. McWreath questioned outstanding settlements, particularly any cost to the district concerning a recent demonstration outside the high school. Dr. Kasunich indicated that he did not believe the district would be billed by any of the law enforcement agencies involved. He also noted that only one student settlement was outstanding.

Dr. Kasunich reported that he was in the process of having the viability of moving to a self funded insurance plan assessed. He also discussed an Act 77 analysis of the Middle School by TRANE at no cost to the district. It was the consensus of the committee that he should proceed with the analysis.

Discussion was held regarding the use of the high school auditorium by the New Life Worship Center. It was the consensus of the committee that the church should be billed additional fees.

#### New Business

Mr. McWreath noted that the appraisal on Laboratory School was due Friday, October 15.

Mrs. Interval discussed the possibility of developing a purchasing department with one central location for general supplies.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Day adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.