

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2006
Trinity Middle School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order by the president, Gerald Chambers, at 6:30 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call

Board Members Present: Gerald Chambers, Jenifer Fetcko, Stephanie Komorowski, Charles McCreery, Dennis McWreath, Emily Minor, Samuel Puglisi and Kathleen Pienkowski

Board Members Absent: Emily Minor and Ivy Rodgers

Others Present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent; Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Russell Lucas, solicitor; and Joan Martos, stenographer

Public Comment

John Debord expressed his concern about the procedure and policy for obtaining documents from the District

Communications

No communications

1. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Charles McCreery to approve the Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bill Lists, Cafeteria Report, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4A, 4B, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H (Dennis McWreath asked that the Bill Lists – Enclosure 4C be voted on separately.)
Motion carried unanimously
2. Motion by Charles McCreery and seconded by Samuel Puglisi to approve the Bill List – ENCLOSURE 4C.
Motion carried – 6 ayes, 1 nay (Dennis McWreath), 2 absent

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Jenifer Fetcko to approve the first reading of the revisions to the following policies:
 - 902 – Publications Program – ENCLOSURE 5A
 - 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings – ENCLOSURE 5B
 - 904 – Public Attendance at School Events – ENCLOSURE 5C
 - 904.1 – Access to School District – ENCLOSURE 5D
 - 907 – School Visitors – ENCLOSURE 5E
 - 911 – News Media Relations – ENCLOSURE 5FMotion carried unanimously

4. Motion by Stephanie Komorowski and seconded by Charles McCreery to approve the informal student agreements as per ENCLOSURES 12G, 12H, and 12I
Motion carried unanimously
5. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Stephanie Komorowski to ratify Superintendent's action of submitting a letter to North Franklin Township Supervisors requesting the appointment of Samuel Puglisi to serve on the North Franklin Township Recreation and Business Improvement Authority
Motion carried unanimously

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Student Recognitions

Yvonne Weaver recognized Edward J. Page, high school student, and Dustin Avolio, middle school student, as the "Students of the Month" for February; she also acknowledged the achievements of two middle school students at the District Junior High Orchestra Festival at Hampton Middle School – Alexander Lee was selected as the orchestra's Concertmaster and Eleanor Lee was chosen as Assistant Principal Cellist

Student Representative – Shaylyn Mahoney gave her report of high school activities

6. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Kathleen Pienkowski to approve the following:
 - A. Gifted Students' Field Trip – ENCLOSURE 6C
 - B. William Galvin's attendance to the National Concert Band Festival, March 23-25, 2006 in Indianapolis, Indiana – ENCLOSURE 6D
 - C. School Calendar for 2006-07 – ENCLOSURE 6F
Motion carried unanimously
7. Motion by Stephanie Komorowski and seconded by Dennis McWreath to table the motion regarding Melanie Sirianni's training for Oracle Academy at UCLA—Summer 2006 – ENCLOSURE 6E for further discussion
Motion carried – 4 ayes (Komorowski, Pienkowski, Puglisi, and McWreath); 3 nays (Chambers, McCreery and Fetcko); 2 absent

Business Manager's Report

8. Motion by Stephanie Komorowski and seconded by Dennis McWreath to ratify administrative action approving change orders - G24, G25, G26, G27, P5, H2 and E15 – ENCLOSURE 7B
Motion carried unanimously
9. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Charles McCreery to award the bid to Abmech, Inc, in the amount of \$67,368.04 for re-insulation at Trinity West and Trinity North Elementary Schools – ENCLOSURE 7C
Motion carried unanimously

Personnel

10. Motion by Samuel Puglisi and seconded by Kathleen Pienkowski to approve the following:
- A. Substitutes – Michael Moran – Social Studies Certification; Gregory Locy – Business Comp and Info Tech Certification; Joseph Rush – Van Driver; Bonnie Wheeler – Cafeteria Worker
 - B. Resignation – Melissa Yannascoli – Middle School Track Assistant Coach, effective February 15, 2006
 - C. Employments – Sandra Mader and Christy Kelley - Cafeteria workers at the contractual rate, effective March 20, 2006; Elaine Blackhurst – Eighth Grade Volleyball Coach at the contractual rate; Lisa Caleffe – Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach at the contractual rate; Doreen Zimak – Middle School Track Coach – (Policy 404.1 applies)
 - D. Non-compensated Coach – Tom Yancich – Weightlifting – (Pending Clearances)
 - E. Leaves – Sandra Lanzoni – Family Medical Leave, effective April 4 through the end of the 2005-06 school year; Lori Lape – Child Rearing Leave Extension, effective April 3 through the end of the 2005-06 school year
- Motion carried unanimously

Solicitor's Report

No report

President's Report

Gerald Chambers was pleased to report that he and Stephanie Komorowski had a very beneficial meeting with the administrative staff and recommended that an additional meeting be scheduled with the whole board present

Old Business

No new business

New Business

Kathleen Pienkowski informed the board members that the SHASDA Conference would be held April 28 and 29, 2006 – an information pamphlet was provided and those interested were requested to notify the secretary in the Superintendent's office by March 23 for reservations

Since the board members were informed by email that there were two requests for student trips, Charles McCreery suggested that action be taken at this meeting

Yvonne Weaver explained the purpose of the requests and the following motion was made:

10. Motion by Charles McCreery and seconded by Dennis McWreath to approve the Olympus Yearbook Editorial Staff field trip to Gettysburg, PA on April 20 and 21, 2006 - ENCLOSURE 6G; and a trip to Altoona, PA by the gifted students to participate in Odyssey of the Mind Competition on April 7 and 8, 2006 - ENCLOSURE 6H
- Motion carried unanimously

The board members agreed to include Samuel Puglisi on the committee with Gerald Chambers and Dennis

McWreath to discuss the South Strabane ball park with the township supervisors

Stephanie Komorowski expressed displeasure with a letter from the South Strabane earned income tax collector circulated to residents regarding Trinity's decision to have Centax collect the District's share of taxes

Adjournment

11. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Stephanie Komorowski that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

An executive session followed the meeting – no action would follow

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors

JRS/jm