

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2007
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Kathleen Pienkowski, at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Gerald Chambers, Jenifer Fetcko, Stephanie Komorowski (6:31 p.m.), Charles McCreery, Dennis McWreath, Emily Minor, Kathleen Pienkowski, Samuel Puglisi and Richard West

Others Present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent; Yvonne B. Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, solicitor, Joan Martos, recording secretary

Public Comment

Jeff Bull, South Strabane Township resident, CATIF litigation

Communications

None

1. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Jenifer Fetcko 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, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H
Motion carried unanimously

Superintendent's Report

Scott Putnam, PBSJ representative, reported on the monitoring at Trinity South Elementary. He indicated there has been continuous monitoring of the building since 1998 and reports show approximately a total of one-half inch movement. However, the school is still structurally safe. There is a schedule of work to be completed this summer to continue with improvements

Paul Kuzman and Thomas Durkin gave an update on projects, including Trinity Hall and discussion regarding Trinity fields

2. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Charles McCreery to approve the following:
 - First reading of the revisions to Policy 121 – Field Trips – ENCLOSURE 5A
 - 2007-08 School Calendar – ENCLOSURE 5BMotion carried unanimously

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

- Students of the Month - Chelsey Henderson – high school; Alexis King – middle school; Joseph McCune – middle school
- National Safety Patroller of the Year – Marisa Tomsic
- Teacher Excellence – Helen Henry and Tom Trettel

Student Representative – Ryan Bassi reported on student activities at the high school

3. Motion by Emily Minor and seconded by Gerald Chambers to approve text books as listed on ENCLOSURE 6C
Motion carried unanimously

Business Manager's Report

4. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Kathleen Pienkowski to approve the 2003 Construction Fund Balance Transfer
Motion carried unanimously
5. Motion by Samuel Puglisi and seconded by Gerald Chambers to approve the Earned Income and Mercantile Tax Audit Reports as presented
Motion carried unanimously

Personnel

6. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Emily Minor to approve the following:
 - Substitutes: Katalan Nyikos – teacher, German Certification, (effective April 2, 2007); Megan Spinneweber – teacher, Special Education/Elementary Certification; Andrew Lynch – teacher, Early Childhood Certification (Policy 404.1 applies); Zachary Wilson – teacher, Social Studies Certification; Erin Nichols – teacher, Mentally and Physically Handicapped Certification; Kathleen Vermeulen – teacher – English/Language Arts 7-12 Certification; Debra Greer – clerical/special services classroom aide; Bridget Broadrick – special services classroom aide; Camellia A. Pato – special services classroom aide, pending receipt of fingerprint clearances
 - Leave: Jennifer Anys – high school teacher, family medical leave, effective March 5, 2007 for twelve (12) weeks
 - Agreement between Trinity Area School District and Trinity Area Education Support Professionals Union Association regarding van drivers – ENCLOSURE 12A
Motion carried unanimously
7. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Jenifer Fetcko to accept with regret the following resignations: John Digon – Director of Technology, effective April 30, 2007, contingent on employment by the IU1 Board of Directors; Eugene Scherich – custodian, retirement purposes, effective March 23, 2007; Arlene Millick – cafeteria worker, retirement purposes, effective May 30, 2007; Jade Morgan - assistant varsity cheerleading sponsor, effective April 1, 2007; and the following teachers for retirement purposes:

**Diane Apache
Glenn-Aston Reese
Mary Ann Bakos
Janet K. Bristor
Betty Clutter
Joanne W. Day
Rebecca Gasper
Susan I. Golsky
Gaylord W. Haines
Helen Henry**

**Barry L. Jones
Charles C. Kelley
Deborah A. Kibbel
Peggy L. Kowalczk
Al L'Altrelli
Steve P. Lemonakis
Larry A. Marshall
Georgiana Petrucci
Albert Pierson**

**Barbara S. Reintgen
Cheryl Ritter
Emil Stanish
Loretta Swerling (Swierczynski)
Geraldine Tiger
June Threlkeld
Sheila A. Uriah
Toni Voycik**

Motion carried unanimously

Solicitor's Report

Due to previous critical public comments at the board meetings in regards to the TIF in the Homestead area, Michael Brungo commented on a recent article in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette stating that the project has been successful and beneficial to the Homestead area. There has been an influx of business to the area

President's Report

Stephanie Komorowski asked for a moment of silence for the students who were victims of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech

Old Business

None

New Business

Emily Minor reported that the Citizens Library is have a book sale and requested anyone interested to volunteer some time in the children's department

Executive Session

The Board met in an executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel, a contract and confidential student matter. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

8. Motion by Jenifer Fetcko and seconded by Emily Minor to approve the informal student agreement for CT
Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

9. Motion by Emily Minor and seconded by Samuel Puglisi that the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors

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