

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2007
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order by the president, Stephanie Komorowski, 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 Member Absent: Richard West

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

Public Comment

None

Communications

None

1. Motion by Kathleen Pienkowski and seconded by Jenifer Fetcko to approve the Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Cafeteria Report, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4A, 4B, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H
Motion carried unanimously

Superintendent's Report

2. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Dennis McWreath to approve the second reading of the revision to Policy 201 – Admission of Students – ENCLOSURE 5A-1
Motion carried unanimously

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

Student of the Month for February - high school student, Devin Burda

The middle school Student of the Month, Joseph McCune, will be recognized at the April meeting

PMSA Joan Jarrett Student Award – Robin Hannen – middle school

3. Motion by Charles McCreery and seconded by Samuel Puglisi to approve participation in the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament – ENCLOSURE 5E
Motion carried unanimously

Business Manager’s Report

- 4. Motion by Samuel Puglisi and seconded by Emily Minor to approve the Installment Resolution as per Act 1 – ENCLOSURE 6A
Motion carried unanimously

Personnel

- 5. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Gerald Chambers to approve the following:
 - A) Employment: Deanna L. Kelly – Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach – ENCLOSURE 10A; Myra Hughes -Van Driver – ENCLOSURE 10A; Tom Kelley - Head Boys Tennis Coach – ENCLOSURE 10A
 - B) Substitutes: Stephanie Johnston – teacher, Elementary Certification (Policy 404.1 applies); Haden Watson – teacher, Physical and Health Ed Certification; Ashley Cursi – teacher, Elementary and Early Childhood Certification; Carita Bottinelli – teacher, Art Certification; Ann Bailey – teacher, German Certification; Ricki A. Scholz – cafeteria
 - C) Leave: Bernadine Fowler – cafeteria worker – unpaid medical leave, effective January 26, 2007 through April 5, 2007
 - D) Resignation: Mary Ellen Jutca – Boys Tennis Coach, effective February 20, 2007Motion carried unanimously

Solicitor’s Report

Michael Brungo reported that the settlement agreement approved at a previous meeting was not released to the press until after the other party involved signed the agreement

President’s Report

No report

Old Business

Samuel Puglisi reported that LERTA would waive the restriction on the \$15,000 donation for weight room equipment

Gerald Chambers indicated that the information regarding the elimination of funding for national trips was not given to Trinity teachers in sufficient time to prepare for these trips; therefore he would entertain a motion to fund the trips for this school year only

- 6. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Dennis McWreath to approve all expenditures for national qualifiers for academic competition for this school year.
Motion carried unanimously

New Business

In response to Dennis McWreath’s inquiries, Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that “Old Main” will be included in the summer projects reviewed by the architect; a budget meeting will be scheduled in April after

retirement requests have been submitted; and an advertisement regarding Act 1 would be submitted to the local newspaper and posted on our website

Following Gerald Chambers' question, Dr. Turnbaugh stated that the District does not have a specific grant writer and that all administrators are currently completing this process

The Board met in an executive session at 7:05 to discuss personnel, grievance from employees, retirement of an employee, possible discipline and confidential student matters

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

7. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Emily Minor to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Trinity Area School District and Trinity Area Education Association and accept the resignation of Mary Kathryn Garrone – ENCLOSURE 10B.
Motion carried unanimously
8. Motion by Jennifer Fetcko and seconded by Charles McCreary to approve the informal student agreement for JA
Motion carried: 6 ayes, 1 nay (McWreath), 1 abstention (Komorowski)
9. Motion by Samuel Puglisi and seconded by Kathleen Pienkowski to approve the informal student agreement for MH
Motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 nay (McWreath)

Adjournment

10. Motion by Dennis McWreath and seconded by Emily Minor that the meeting be adjourned
Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District

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