

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2008

Board Room – Trinity Hall

6:30 p.m.

The Board met in executive session from 6 pm until 6:45 pm to confer with counsel concerning the possibility of pending litigation.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Dennis McWreath followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich (participated by telephone), Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko (participated by telephone from 6:55-8 pm), John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi.

Others present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent; Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Adoption of the Agenda

1. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adopt the agenda with kindergarten, guidance counselors and elementary gym classes added under Old Business.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brungo read a statement regarding the district's position regarding a student's intended use of a service animal.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Dallatore, Canton Township, spoke regarding his son's use of a service animal and questioned the district's policy regarding that use.

Misty Plants, North Franklin Township, spoke regarding her son's a health issue when exposed to animals.

Communications

None

2. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi 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

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to table the submission of PDE 3074 for repairs at Trinity South.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 6 nays (Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi); 3 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling)

4. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller for submission of PDE 3074 for repairs at Trinity South.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi); 4 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling, McWreath)

5. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

- Policy 913 –Relations with Special Interest Groups – ENCLOSURE 5A
- Policy 123-Interscholastic Athletics – ENCLOSURE 5H

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

6. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the first reading of following revised policies, to include a revision in the language of Policy 006 regarding a requirement of a two-thirds majority vote to add items to the agenda:

- Policy 006 – Meetings ENCLOSURE 5B
- Policy 217 -Graduation Requirements– ENCLOSURE 5C

7. On a roll call vote, motion carried : 7 ayes (Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers; 2 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich)

8. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the Celebration Breakfast, June 6 – ENCLOSURE 5D

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

9. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Trinity’s participation in the Pittsburgh Regional Compact – ENCLOSURE 5E

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Student Representative, Kellyn Black, reported on high school activities.

10. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the submission of local, state and Federal applications for the 2008-09 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve Textbook Adoption –ENCLOSURE 6E

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager’s Report -

12. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Knapp to reject the bids for the projection system in the high school auditorium –ENCLOSURE 7C

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens); 1 nay (Bodnovich)

13. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve membership in the U.S. Communities Program – ENCLOSURE 7D

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots reported that he had been in contact with Senator Stout’s office concerning the property tax rebate from gaming revenues would currently b \$156 per household..

Administrators/Supervisors’ Reports

14. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the revised Capital Improvement Plan 2008-09 - ENCLOSURE 9A

15. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to refer the review of the Capital Improvement Plan to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Keisling, McWreath, Miller, Bodnovich, Clemens); 3 nays (Knapp, Puglisi, Chambers)

Mr. Tom Durkin reviewed the outstanding issues with the Trinity Hall HVAC system.

16. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich to eliminate the HVAC project for Trinity Hall from the Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Personnel

17. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following employments: Greg Gunther, German teacher, effective date to be determined at a salary to be determined; William Spencer, Nurse Aide, effective April 18, 2008 at the rate of \$16.50 per hour –ENCLOSURE 12A

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Chambers to accept the following resignations with regret: Vallie Work, Deborah Mills, Judith Breedlove, Mary Chambers, David Kaper, Loma Parry, Mary Alice Susko, teachers, John Riddle, Linda Reschick, guidance counselors, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2007-08 school year; David C. Rankin, Director of Elementary Education and elementary principal, for retirement purposes, effective June 28, 2008; Priscilla McConnell, cafeteria worker, for retirement purposes effective June 4, 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:

- Substitutes: Michael J. Shrader, Health/Physical Education certification, effective April 4, 2008; Danielle Zampini, Elementary Education certification, effective April 4, 2008; Courtney Blackhurst, Citizenship 7-12 certification, effective April 11, 2008; Donna Connell, clerical/special service aide, effective April 18, 2008
- Leave of Absence: Amy Frazee, High School chemistry teacher, Family Medical Leave upon exhaustion of sick days to total 12 weeks followed by a Child Rearing Leave, effective upon the birth of her child until October 31, 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Old Business

Mr. Keisling indicated his disappointment in the addition of full day kindergarten. He also suggested that the district hire an outside consultant to determine a way to schedule more physical education classes in the elementary buildings. He also commented on the district's affiliation with organizations offering career guidance, noting his concern that these types of companies have a personal agenda and should not take the place of guidance counselors.

New Business

Mr. Puglisi reported on EIT collection and property tax assessment appeals, House Bills 1438 and 1439, indicating that he supported the PSBA's opposition to the bills - ENCLOSURE 10A

20. Motion to by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Knapp for the administration to communicate with local senators indicating the districts support of PSBA's position.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 abstention (Bodnovich)

Adjournment

21. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors