

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Budget Meeting  
March 11, 2008  
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. McWreath, followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller and Samuel Puglisi.

Absent: Gerald Chambers

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

Mr. Shargots gave an overview of the 2008-09 General Fund Budget.

Director Special Education

Dr. Wolosky reported on textbooks needed specifically for the high school learning support classroom, tuition paid for students placed outside of the district, contracted services with the Intermediate Unit and supplies.

Curriculum Development

Mrs. Weaver explained the process of writing and adopting curriculum and purchasing textbooks based on the curriculum. She also indicated that while consultant fees are built into the budget, outside consultants are rarely used. She indicated that Federal funds are used when possible. She also addressed the issue of conferences and travel fees.

Director of Technology

Mr. Digon reported on the general supply inventory, the need for new servers at the elementary level and the number of computers in the district. He indicated that as new equipment is purchased, the old equipment is redistributed when feasible.

Textbooks

Mrs. Weaver reported on the curriculum cycle and why some of the textbook purchases are out of line with the cycle. She indicated that the purchase of books is sometimes put on hold when the current copyright does not meet the current needs of the curriculum. She also explained the seven year curriculum cycle.

Director of Elementary Education

Mr. Rankin reported that the elementary budget was based on the possible adoption of full day kindergarten. He indicated that materials for Kindergarten, first and second grade are consumable and that most of those for third, fourth and fifth grades are not. He explained the Red Flag/Green Flag program as well as the First in Math software subscription. He reported on the need for new laminators in the elementary buildings.

Middle School Principal

Mr. Keruskin explained the need for substitute teachers when regular teachers are released to score writing prompts. He indicated that the sixth grade field trip budget had increased due to the price of gasoline. He also reported on the software subscription for Study Island which is a supplemental program geared toward math and reading for sixth graders. He also indicated the need for

additional seventh grade math books and additional PSSA study materials previously purchased by the PTA. He indicated the need for additional fitness center equipment, replacement instruments, supplies for the special education programs, additional digital cameras for the Tech Ed program, scroll saws for Industrial Ed and televisions for the main office and conference room. He also reported on new English textbooks.

High School Principal

Mr. Snoke reported on supplies for the math, health, social studies, music and English departments and the Classrooms for the Future grant. He reported on the need for new and replacement equipment for the Physical Education department. He indicated the need for new equipment in the TV production lab and resource software used through the library. He also indicated the nurse's request for a washer and dryer due to health issues. He explained the Teen Outreach Program held at the high school.

Public Comment

None

Mrs. Fetcko and Mr. Keisling left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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James R. Shargots, Secretary  
Trinity Area Board of Directors