

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2008
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis McWreath at 6:30 p.m. followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, 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 Agenda

1. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Fetcko to add the following items to the agenda:
 - Superintendent's Report - Policy 913
 - Employments - Scott Drakely, social studies teacher at the contractual rate
 - Old Business - Hiring Policy and Hall of Fame
 - New Business - Inventory Control, Awarding of Contracts and Dog SearchesMotion carried unanimously.

Public Comment (please state name, address and topic)

Jeffrey Johnson, South Strabane Twp., spoke regarding the music program. He made a request on behalf of the parents of band members for the Board to consider hiring an assistant music director who could replace Mr. Galvin upon his retirement. Mr. McWreath stated that such action would be presumptuous.

Jim Agnew, Canton Twp., spoke concerning a special education issue.

Communications

Mr. Shargots read a letter from student Kellyn Black thanking the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Consortium for Public Education program. He also reported on a letter received by Dr. Turnbaugh from the Secretary of Education which encouraged support for the passage of regulations to establish state graduation competency assessments.

2. Motion by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following with a correction to January 17 minutes:
Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bill Lists, Cafeteria Report, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4A¹, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H.
Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Mr. Chambers seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve second reading of new Policy 146 – Student Services– ENCLOSURE 6A
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Dr. Turnbaugh's participation in The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents – ENCLOSURE 7C
Motion carried: 7 ayes, 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling)
5. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the resolution opposing proposed High School Graduation competency assessments –ENCLOSURE 7D
Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the first reading of the following revised policies:
 - Policy 121 -Field Trips
 - Policy 122- Extracurricular Activities
 - Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics
 ENCLOSURE 7E
Motion carried unanimously.
7. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to amend Policy 913 to allow the distribution of a flyer in the elementary classrooms sponsored by the Canton Township Parks and Receptions.
Motion carried: 5 ayes, 4 nays (Bodnovich, Miller, Keisling, Clemens)

Dr. Turnbaugh reported on the status of Classrooms for the Future-ENCLOSURE 7G

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

Students of the Month for January: Andrew Sweat- High School; Derek Allinder, Middle School

8. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the High School course offering changes 2008-09-ENCLOSURE 8C
9. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to require a minimum enrollment of 15 in order for the courses to be offered.
Motion failed: 6 nays, 3 ayes (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich)

Previous motion carried: 9 ayes, 1 nay (Bodnovich)

Mrs. Weaver reported on typical half day and full day Kindergarten schedules -ENCLOSURE 8D

Business Manager's Report

10. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve Annual Audit report 2006-07 school year
Motion carried unanimously.
- 11A. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to award the boiler bid at the high school to Whitby, Inc. in the amount of \$22,400 -ENCLOSURE 9H

Mr. Bodnovich questioned the bid process, and the warranty on the boiler.

- 11B. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Clemens to table the discussion in order for Mr. Shargots to provide further information.
Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 Lease Agreement for 2007-08 –ENCLOSURE 9A
Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Fund Budget -ENCLOSURE 9G
Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to submit a PDE 3074(A) for the Trinity West ball field
Motion to carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to submit a PDE 3074 (A) for the High School renovations
Motion carried: 8 ayes –1 nay (Bodnovich)
16. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to submit a PDE 3074 (A) for the Trinity Hall renovations
Motion carried: 8 ayes-1 nay (Bodnovich)
17. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to submit a PDE 3074 (A) for the electrical panel at Laboratory
Motion carried: 7 ayes -2 nays (Clemens, Bodnovich)

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of selling the Laboratory school building.

18. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Keisling to ask LJS Development Corporation for more specific information regarding the proposed tower sight and easement rights.
Motion carried: 8 ayes, 1nay (Knapp)
19. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the 2008-09Western Area Career and Technology Center Budget 2008-09 – ENCLOSURE 9C
Motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:
 - Transportation Agreement – ENCLOSURE 9E
 - Western Area Career and Technology Center Resolution – ENCLOSURE 12AMotion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots reported on the cable agreements for all four townships regarding televising board meetings. Comcast indicated there are no provisions that would allow the District to televise the meetings free of charge for airtime.

Personnel

21. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the following resignations: Kate Pagac, Middle School English teacher effective February 1, 2008; Johannah Vanatta, High School Social Studies teacher effective March 4, 2008; Tara Knight, Softball Volunteer effective February 22, 2008 ; Loraine Jacko, Assistant JV Softball Coach effective February 22, 2008
Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following:
Employments: Ashley Mowl, Head JV Softball Coach at a salary of \$2000; Craig Bihler, High School custodian at the contractual rate, effective March 1, 2008; Kristen Shaw, English Department Representative effective February 8, 2008 ; Jennifer Sylves, English teacher at the contractual rate, effective February 8, 2008; Julie Musser, elementary casual day to day sub, effective February 11, 2008; Brian McPeake, Assistant Varsity Track Coach at a salary of \$2000, effective February 22, 2008; Travis Buri, Boys and Girls Swim Coach at a salary of \$4500 effective February 22, 2008; Scott Drakely, social studies teacher at the contractual rate, effective March 4, 2008 -ENCLOSURE 14A
Motion carried unanimously.
23. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the following:
Employments: Danielle King, Assistant JV Softball Coach at a salary of \$1500 effective February 22, 2008; Haden Watson, Assistant JV Boys Baseball Coach at a salary of \$1500 effective February 22, 2008; Sheena Morgan, 7th and 8th grade Head Girls Softball Coach at a salary of \$2000 effective February 22, 2008 - ENCLOSURE 14A
Motion carried: 8-1 (Mr. Chambers abstained)
24. Motion by Mr. Puglisi seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following:
Substitutes: Jennifer Sylves, English teacher effective January 30, 2008; Alicia Agostinella, Biology teacher effective January 28, 2008; Philip Conklin, Tech Ed teacher effective January 29, 2008; Doreen Zimak, clerical aide; Joan Rogers, cafeteria; Betty J. Kuhns, cafeteria; William Spencer, nurse effective February 11, 2008; Ellen Wernert, special service aide
Motion carried unanimously.
25. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clements to grant of tenure status to Delores Sanker effective January 20, 2008.
Motion carried unanimously.
26. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following:
Change of Status: Allison Migyanko from 7th and 8th grade Head Coach to Volunteer Softball Coach
Motion carried unanimously.
27. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the Resignation and Settlement Agreement of Jennifer Anys – ENCLOSURE 14B
On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Update on Family Medical Leave Act –ENCLOSURE 12A

28. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the Washington Mall Tax Assessment Appeal resolution pending a possible meeting with South Strabane Township, if requested– ENCLOSURE 12B
Motion carried unanimously.
29. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clemens to award the boiler bid at the high school to Whitby, Inc. in the amount of \$22,400 contingent upon receipt of the applicable warranty– ENCLOSURE 9H
Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Mr. McWreath reported that budget meetings will be held on the following dates with administrators in attendance as follows:

- March 11, 6:00 p.m. – Dr. Turnbaugh, Mrs. Weaver, Mr. Shargots, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Keruskin, Mr. Snoke, Dr. Wolosky, Mr. Digon
- April 10, 6:00 p.m. – Dr. Turnbaugh, Mr. Shargots, Mr. Webb, Mr. Harshman, Mr. Kuzman, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Sabol

30. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the resolution for Mr. Chambers nomination for the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors -ENCLOSURE 13A
Motion carried 8-0-1 (Chambers abstained)

Old Business

Mr. Keisling questioned the hiring policy and asked the administration to provide samples of other school districts' policies.

31. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Keisling to create a Sports Hall of Fame to be included in the renovation of the High School.
Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

32. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to have the administration investigate ability grouping.
Motion carried unanimously.
33. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to have the administration report on adding physical education classes to the elementary schedule using existing staff.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chambers reported on a \$5,000 donation from Tanger Outlet Centers.

Mr. Bodnovich questioned if there was an inventory control system in place in the district.

Mr. Knapp asked if dog searches could be held in the high school.

The Board met in an executive session from 9:00 to 9:45 to discuss personnel.

Adjournment

34. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors

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