

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2008

Board Room – Trinity Hall

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

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.

Recognitions:

Students of the Month: Tanner McFarland, November; Amanda Hill, December- middle school
Kellyn Black, November; Chris Carter, December -high school

Student Representatives: Shane Rumbaugh; Kellyn Black, alternate

The board met in executive session from 6: 40 until 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Bodnovich asked to add ComDoc Company under New Business; Mr. Keisling asked for an executive session to be added before the vote on personnel and to add the South Strabane Softball Field Agreement under Old Business. Mr. McWreath asked to add Emil Stanish to the list of substitute teachers to be approved and a Building Tour Schedule added under President's Report.

1. Motion by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Clemens to adopt the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment

None

Communications

None

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

3. Motion by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the completion of Capital Improvement Projects with the current architect as follows: High School renovation project, auditorium projection system at High School, landscaping at track and football field bleacher area, track regrade, seed and drainage at athletic field, Trinity West Landscaping, Trinity West fields, Trinity Hall renovation of interior, main electrical panel Laboratory - ENCLOSURE 9A
Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the first reading of Policy 146, Student Services ENCLOSURE 6A
Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Weaver reported that all elementary buildings and the middle school received the Keystone Achievement Awards. She also reported on the addition of a fifth grade classroom teacher at Trinity South.

Business Manager's Report

5. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to adopt of the Preliminary Fund Budget for 2008-09 – ENCLOSURE 7A

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Clemens and seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the submission of the PDE-3074 for replacement of the domestic hot water boiler at the High School-ENCLOSURE 7B

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrators/Supervisors' Reports

Athletics/Activities Director:

7. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the following:

- Boys Baseball Team trip to South Carolina – ENCLOSURE 8A
- High School Band Trip – ENCLOSURE 8D
- Girls Softball Team trip to North Carolina – ENCLOSURE 8E

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dalton reported on the following:

- Fundraising Policy
- Boys Lacrosse as a school-sponsored sport for 2008-09 – ENCLOSURE 8B
- Fall Sports Report (revised)– ENCLOSURE 8C
- Volleyball Report

The board met in executive session from 8:35 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Personnel

8. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following:

A. Resignation: Cindi Fuselier, High School English

B. Employments: William Woistman, Middle School Track Coach; Bethany Altenhof, English Teacher K-12; Erin Miles, Elementary Teacher - ENCLOSURE 13A

C. Substitutes: Eric Crompton, technology education teacher effective January 14, 2008 ; Kiley Szupinka, elementary teacher effective January 14, 2008; Ronald Dami, health/physical education teacher effective January 18, 2008 ; Nicholas Deutsch, music teacher effective January 18, 2008 ; Julia O'Neal, elementary teacher effective January 18, 2008 ; Terri Perry, elementary, mid-level English and mid-level math effective January 18, 2008; Linda Wilkerson, English teacher effective January 18, 2008 , Emil Stanish, substitute elementary and guidance effective January 18, 2008; Matthew Wylie, custodian effective January 18, 2008 ; Julie Musser, special service aide effective January 18, 2008 .

Motion carried unanimously

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Brungo reported on the Mandate Waiver Program –ENCLOSURE 14A

President's Report

Mr. McWreath reported on House Bill 258 which would delay the start of school until after Labor Day. The superintendent was directed to write a letter of opposition

Mr. McWreath also asked that a tour of the buildings be scheduled.

Old Business

Mr. McWreath indicated that a copy of the Strategic Plan and the Board Policy Manuals were available.

9. Motion by Mr. Keisling and seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to ask the administration to contact South Strabane Township to ask that the agreement regarding the Softball Field be changed to a year-to-year contract.
Motion failed – 7 naves, 2 ayes (Keisling, Clemens)

New Business

Regarding televising meetings, Mr. Digon will report at the February 7 meeting.

Mr. Bodnovich asked that the administration look into ComDoc Company. Mr. Shargots will report in February.

10. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Knapp that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School Board of Directors

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