

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 19, 2008
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Dennis McWreath, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Jenifer Fetcko

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

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following: 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: 6 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling)

Superintendent's Report

2. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following:

- Second reading of revised Policy 624 – Capital Reserve Account – ENCLOSURE 5A
- First reading of revised Policies 706 – Property Records and 904 – Public Attendance at School Events –ENCLOSURE 5B
- Adoption of IU Policies and procedures – ENCLOSURE 5D
- Agreement between Trinity Area School District and student A.G.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Turnbaugh discussed options concerning the possible redistricting of students from Trinity West to Trinity North to accommodate the autistic support classroom and full day kindergarten at Trinity West. He indicated that, although Trinity West would be at capacity, the recommendation of the administration was to relocate the life skills class to Trinity East and for the autistic support classroom to remain at Trinity West for the 2008-09 year. He noted that the topic of redistricting of students would need to be revisited in the future. – ENCLOSURE 5G

3. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Keisling to redistrict students from Trinity West to Trinity North at the beginning of the 2008-09.

Motion failed: 6 nays; 2 ayes (Bodnovich, Keisling)

Public Comment

Kimberly Mollish, South Strabane Township, thanked the board for not moving the autistic support classroom at this time.

Lois Chisolm, North Franklin Township, questioned the decision to move the life skills class to Trinity East.

Dave Mollish, South Strabane Township, requested that the board commit to the autistic support classroom remaining at Trinity West permanently.

Kim Barale, Amwell Township, discussed options regarding the autistic sensory room at Trinity West.

Business Manager's Report

4. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following:

- Refinancing of bond issue – ENCLOSURE 7C

- General Liability, Errors and Omissions Workers Compensation and School Police – ENCLOSURE 7G
- Authorize the business manager to make necessary budget transfers following June 30, 2008 closing and provide a list of these transfers at a subsequent board meeting.
- Contracts: PSEA Health and Welfare/Vision, doctors, pest control, waste removal, fire alarm and fire extinguisher maintenance, strength and cardiovascular equipment maintenance – ENCLOSURE 7H
- Supply bids – ENCLOSURE 7J

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the General Fund Budget for 2008-09 and Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion resolution.

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to reflect a 2 mill decrease in the General Fund Budget.-ENCLOSURE 7B

On a roll call vote, motion to approve the General Fund Budget for 2008-09 setting the property tax millage at 103, and the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion resolution carried: 6 ayes (Keisling, McWreath, Miller, Bodnovich, Chambers, Clemens; 2 nays (Knapp, Puglisi)

Personnel

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

- Employments: Joshua Baringer, German teacher, effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1st step bachelor salary; Maggie Amaismeier, guidance counselor effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1st step masters salary; and Erica Hughes, guidance counselor, effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1st step masters salary; Nicholas Deutsch, Band Caption Coordinator, effective June 6, 2008 at a salary of \$2,000; David Blon, Marching Band staff effective June 6, 2008, at a salary of \$10 per hour/\$1200 max (pending completion of clearances); Michelle R. Farr, Marching Band staff, effective June 6, 2008 at a salary of \$10 per hour/\$1200 max (pending completion of clearances); Matthew Pienkowski, Marching Band staff, effective June 6, 2008 at a salary of \$10 per hour/\$1200 max (pending completion of clearances); Kiriakos Nikolopoulos, Boys Varsity Soccer Interim Head Coach, effective June 6, 2008 at a salary of \$5000, Year 6 (pending completion of clearances); Ryan N. Julian, Boys Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach, effective June 6, 2008 at a salary of \$2,500, Year 3 (pending completion of clearances)– ENCLOSURE 13C
- Change of status: Sheena Morgan from half-time to full-time special education teacher, effective the 2008-09 school year
- Leaves of Absence: Amanda Hatcher, elementary librarian, family medical leave not to exceed 12 weeks, effective May 2, 2008; Courtney Smith, high school social studies teacher, family medical leave effective August 25, 2008 for twelve weeks, followed by a child-rearing leave through the end of first semester of the 2008-09 school year
- Resignations: Melissa Yannascoli, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, effective May 16, 2008; Wanda Schwarzwaelder, middle school Spanish teacher, effective August 1, 2008; Fay Salsberry, cafeteria worker, for retirement purposes, effective June 6, 2008; Sean Bristol, JV Assistant Football Coach, effective June 6, 2008
- Granting of tenure status for the following: Deanna Kelley, Kathryn O’Lare, Paula Palefsky, Darlynn Rasbach, Brandon Swarrow, Emily Walsh, Melinda West-Emerich, Lauren Gagatko, Amanda Burchett effective June 30, 2008.
- Substitute: Carol Markle, cafeteria worker, effective August 27, 2008
- Substitute rates – ENCLOSURE 13F

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor’s Report

None

President’s Report

Mr. McWreath requested that board members review policies 005 – Organization and 006 – Meetings, before the next meeting.

The board met in an executive session from 7:40 – 8:20 p.m. to discuss salaries

8. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve salaries of employees as follows effective the 2008-09 school year:

Superintendent	138,318
Asst. Superintendent	115,221
Dir. of Fiscal Services	92,533
South Elementary Principal	91,900
Second Asst. H.S. Principal	78,037
M.S. Principal	92,408
Asst. M.S. Principal	85,372
West Elementary Principal	85,942
First Asst. H.S. Principal	88,114
H.S. Principal	102,172
East Elementary Principal	83,126
Dir. of Special Education	89,556
Dir. of Athletics/Activities	87,352
Dir. of Technology	85,362
Dir. of Facilities	64,896
Dir. of Safety and Security	53,297
Dir. of Food Service	70,762
Dir. of Support Services	45,139
Superintendent's Sec.	41,600
Asst. Dir. of Fiscal Svcs.	39,865
Asst. Superintendent's Sec.	37,483
Dir. of Fiscal Svcs. Sec	32,448
Cafeteria Monitors (2)	\$8.60/Hour
Nurses Aide	\$16.99/Hour
Crossing Guards (3)	\$12.36/Hour
Sub Caller	6,365

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

Public Comment

Colleen Interval, North Franklin Township, commented on salary increases and the school district's rating in the Pittsburgh Business Times.

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, responded to Mrs. Interval's comments.

9. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors