

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
March 20, 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 (arrived at 8:21 pm), Dennis McWreath, and Samuel Puglisi.

Absent: Jeffrey Miller

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 Clemens, seconded by Bodnovich to add the following items to the agenda:

New Business –

- Trinity South
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Bleachers for the band
- Liquidated damages
- Millage
- Poster Income

Old Business -

- Ability Grouping

Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment

Jeff McCombs, South Strabane Township, spoke in support of adding Lacrosse as a school sponsored sport.

Communications

None

2. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Puglisi 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 unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Puglisi to approve the first reading of revised Policy 913 –Relations with Special Interest Groups – ENCLOSURE 5A

Motion carried unanimously

4. Motion by Fetcko, seconded by Puglisi to approve the first reading of revised Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics – ENCLOSURE 5H

Motion carried unanimously

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

- Policy 121 -Field Trips
- Policy 122- Extracurricular Activities - ENCLOSURE 5B

Motion carried unanimously

6. Motion by Fetcko, seconded by Chambers to approve the school district becoming a member of the Pittsburgh Regional Compact –ENCLOSURE 5E

Mr. Keisling indicated he had further information regarding the Compact that he would like to share with the board.

7. Motion by Keisling, seconded by Bodnovich to table the approval until further information may be obtained.

Motion carried unanimously

8. Motion by Clemens, seconded by Bodnovich to approve the 2008-09 school calendar- ENCLOSURE 5F
Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich)

9. Motion by Clemens, seconded by Fetcko to approve Mrs. Weaver's attendance at the PASA Women's Caucus – April 30-May 2 -ENCLOSURE 5G

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Bodnovich, seconded by Clemens to table the discussion regarding the bid on repairs to Trinity South – ENCLOSURE 5I

Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

- Students of the Month – Elisabeth Kee, Middle School; Eric Stultz, High School

Business Manager's Report

A. LJS Development Corporation Tower Report- ENCLOSURE 7A

B. Broadcasting Meetings – ENCLOSURE 7E

C. Equipment Inventory – ENCLOSURE 7C

11. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Fetcko to approve the awarding of the bid for high school bleachers and landscaping contingent upon the contract language containing the inclusion of liquidated damages for non-completion of work and a process to resolve disputes through litigation rather than binding arbitration. Such language to be negotiated by the solicitor and the superintendent. –ENCLOSURE 7D

A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

12. Motion by Puglisi, seconded by Chambers to approve the following:

Resignations: Ruth Nagy, clerical aide, for retirement purposes effective June 2008; Janet Nevin, elementary teacher, for retirement purposes effective end of 2007-08 school year; Frank Sworden, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective March 3, 2008; Adriene Martos, nurse aide, effective March 14, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Puglisi, seconded by Clemens to approve the Nova Care Agreement - ENCLOSURE 9B
Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Fetcko, seconded by Clemens to approve the following:
Substitutes: Katherine Krocsko, Social Studies/Mid Level Citizenship/Elementary, effective February 27, 2008; Richard Mills, Chemistry, effective February 27, 2008; Lori Walters, Elementary, effective February 27, 2008; Ellen Wernert, Art, effective February 27, 2008; Bruce Grice, Elementary, effective February 27, 2008; Brianna Corrado-Porter, Art, effective February 27, 2008; Ashley Collett, Elementary /Mid Level Math, effective February 27, 2008; Chantal Thomas, Special Service Aide, effective March 25, 2008
Motion carried unanimously

15. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Puglisi to approve the following:
Change of Status: George Walz from 8th grade assistant football coach to varsity assistant football coach, 9th year, 9th step, at a salary of \$5000 effective the 2008-09 season.
Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Fetcko, seconded by Chambers to approve the following:
Leaves of Absence: Pattie Staggers, Clerical Aide- Middle School, FMLA-intermittent basis for a one year period effective February 20, 2008 to February 19, 2009; Neil Day, van driver, for one year effective December 11, 2007 to December 10, 2008.
Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Puglisi, seconded by Fetcko to approve game worker's pay rates –ENCLOSURE 11B
Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Program

18. Motion by Clemens, seconded by Bodnovich to approve Boys Lacrosse - ENCLOSURE 9C
Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. McWreath encouraged the board members to attend the IU convention on March 25.

Old Business

Mr. Keisling discussed Response To Intervention and asked if the administration would consider implementing the program. He also questioned the possibility of offering tutoring and the standardized testing schedule.

New Business

19. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Clemens to keep Trinity South open for the next two years with continued monitoring.
Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Fetcko to implement full day kindergarten, with the option of half-day sessions available in all elementary buildings in the district beginning the 2008-09 school year.

21. Motion by Keisling, seconded by Bodnovich to table the decision on full day kindergarten. A roll call

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vote was taken.

Motion failed: 4 nays(Chambers, Fetcko, McWreath, Puglisi); 3 ayes Clemens, Keisling, Bodnovich

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to offer the option of full day kindergarten.

Motion carried: 6 ayes - (Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Puglisi, Chambers); 2 nays –(Keisling, Bodnovich)

22. Motion by Chambers, seconded by Knapp to advertise for bids for repairs to Trinity South.

23. Motion by Keisling, seconded by Bodnovich to table the motion to advertise for bids for repairs to Trinity South.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion failed: 4 ayes (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens); 4 nays (Fetcko, Knapp, Puglisi, Chambers)

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to advertise for bids for repairs to Trinity South.

Motion failed: 4 ayes (Knapp, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko); 4 nays (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens)

24. Motion by Clemens, seconded by Keisling to require the band to sit in another location during events at the stadium.

Mr. Puglisi questioned if this was an issue to be decided by the school board. The motion and second were withdrawn. The board requested a recommendation from the administration.

Mr. Bodnovich discussed liquidated damages being included in every contract.

25. Motion by Bodnovich, seconded by Keisling to request the administration prepare a budget with an eight mill decrease.

26. Motion by Puglisi, seconded by Chambers to table the discussion until the next budget meeting.

A roll call vote was taken

Motion failed: 4 ayes (Knapp, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko); 4 nays (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling)

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to prepare a budget with an eight mill decrease.

Motion failed: 2 ayes (Bodnovich, Keisling); 6 nays (McWreath, Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp)

27. Motion by Keisling, seconded by Bodnovich to request the administration prepare a budget with a seven mill decrease.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion failed: 3 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling); 5 nays (Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath)

28. Motion by Puglisi, seconded by Chambers that the income generated from the athletic calendar sale be designated for the Hall of Fame Committee expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keisling left the meeting at 9:10 pm before the vote was taken.

29. Motion by Chambers seconded by Puglisi that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors