

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2007
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order by the president, Stephanie Komorowski at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call

Board Members Present: Gerald Chambers, Jenifer Fetcko, Stephanie Komorowski, Charles McCreery, Dennis McWreath, Emily Minor, Kathleen Pienkowski, Samuel Puglisi and Richard West

Others Present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent; Yvonne B. Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, solicitor, Joan Martos, recording secretary

Public Comment

None

Communications

None

1. Motion by Jenifer Fetcko and seconded by Emily Minor 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 (Richard West abstained from vote on Bill Lists – 4C)

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions – Students of the Month – Brittany Avolio – high school and Olivia Hrutkay – middle school

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Larry O'Shea, Intermediate Unit I Director, reported on the KITS Consortium and explained the Regional Wide Area Network and how the initiative was implemented.

Business Manager's Report

2. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Kathleen Pienkowski to approve audit reports for Earned Income, Occupational Privilege and Mercantile Tax for the year ended December 31, 2006 as prepared by Schneider Downs, CPA's – ENCLOSURE 7A
Motion carried unanimously
3. Motion by Emily Minor and seconded by Richard West to approve the District Approved Groups – ENCLOSURE 7B
Motion carried unanimously
4. Motion by Charles McCreery and seconded by Dennis McWreath to ratify the action of the administration approving a change order for MacBracey Corporation in the amount of \$21,700 for replacement of the porch floor framing on Trinity Hall – ENCLOSURE 7C
Motion carried unanimously

Personnel

5. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Samuel Puglisi to approve the following:
- Resignations: Doreen Zimak – Head Middle School Track Coach, effective September 29, 2007
 - Employments: Kevin Pusateri – JV boys basketball coach, effective October 5, 2007 at the contractual salary of \$2,000; Heather Watson – girls varsity assistant basketball coach, effective October 5, 2007, at the contractual salary of \$4,000; Bernadette Santspre – 2.5 hr. part-time cafeteria worker, effective October 19, 2007 at the contractual salary; Linda Comfort – 2.5 hr. part-time cafeteria worker, effective October 19, 2007 at the contractual salary; and Ricki Scholz – 4.0 hr. part-time cafeteria worker, effective October 19, 2007 at the contractual salary; Camellia Pato – one-half time special services aide, effective October 22, 2007 at the contractual rate of \$8.35/hour; Clint Blaney – middle school student council advisor at the contractual rate of \$728; Sheena Morgan - half-time special education teacher for elementary, effective October 22, 2007; Hannah Parlock - long term substitute teacher for high school math, effective October 22, 2007; - ENCLOSURES 12A
 - Ratify the administrative action to grant a medical leave of absence for Jim Osborn, head varsity golf coach, effective September 17, 2007; name Jeff Bricker to the position of interim head golf coach, effective September 17, 2007 at a salary of \$2,250 for the second half of the season; and name Joseph Dunn to the position of interim junior varsity golf coach, effective September 17, 2007 at a salary of \$2,000 for the second half of the season
 - Substitutes: Jennifer Hugo – Elementary/Mid Level Math Certification; Lisa Rosendale – Elementary Certification; Kara Marshall – Elementary Certification; Christine Shaffer – Elementary Certification; Ashley Crile – Elementary Education K-6; Kristan A. Hornickel – Elementary K-6 Certification; Ursula Spencer – cafeteria worker; Antoinette Bainer – cafeteria worker; Sherma L. Caroselli – cafeteria worker/classroom aide

Motion carried unanimously

Solicitor's Report

No report

President's Report

No report

Old Business

Stephanie Komorowski questioned if all the elementary schools followed the same guidelines in regards to having snacks at school parties. Following discussion there was a recommendation that the wellness policy be changed to make it permissible for the students to have a cupcake or cookie at the selected school parties.

New Business

Gerald Chambers requested an update on the kindergarten class enrollments at Trinity West. Yvonne Weaver indicated that there were 23, 24, and 25 students in the classes. Following discussion, it was suggested that there be a survey to determine if the parents would agree to move their children for the purpose of adding a class to lower class size.

6. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Dennis McWreath to direct administration to

survey parents of Trinity West kindergarten students to determine if they are interested in transferring their child in an effort to lower class size.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 2 nays (Fetcko and Minor)

Dennis McWreath questioned how the District is being proactive and reactive in regards to the MRSA issue and if steps were being taken to communicate with the public. Dr. Turnbaugh responded that measures were implemented to sanitize the crucial areas in the school and the athletic trainer was being observant with the athletes. Information would be placed on the website.

The Board met in an executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a contract and personnel issues. The meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

Emily Minor encouraged the board members to attend the Prism Gallery that was being exhibited in the foyer of the high school. It was a showcase of art work of autistic students who would also be performing on their musical instruments.

Adjournment

7. Motion by Gerald Chambers and seconded by Samuel Puglisi that the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors

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