

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 16, 2009
Trinity North Elementary
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Samuel Puglisi 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

Absent: Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent

Others present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Dr. Beth Tully, Principal, Trinity North Elementary, introduced fifth grade students who played Orff instruments and kindergarten students who sang under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Koleck and kindergarten teachers Ms. Donston, Mrs. Borovich and Ms. McClintock. Mr. Puglisi thanked Dr. Tully, the parents, students and teachers for attending the meeting.

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Miller 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

After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Cafeteria Report, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4A, 4B, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Bill Lists - ENCLOSURE 4C

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 3 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens, McWreath)

Superintendent's Report

Recognition: High School Student of the Month for March - Kaylyn Millick

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adopt textbooks as per ENCLOSURE 6A

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Fetcko to approve the second reading of the following policies:
- ENCLOSURES 5A

- 008 - Organization Chart
- 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve employee computer classes.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the TAEA Memorandum of Understanding - ENCLOSURE 5E

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager's Report

6. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Miller to award bids for the athletic stadium; Middle School locker rooms and office renovation; and Trinity Hall HVAC and miscellaneous repairs- ENCLOSURE 7A
No vote was taken on the motion

Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. McWreath to table the awarding of bids for the Middle School HVAC, plumbing and electrical work

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Miller to award bids for synthetic turf at the athletic stadium; the General Contractor, HVAC, plumbing and electric for Trinity Hall; and to reject all bids for the General Contractor for the Middle School locker rooms and office renovation

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens) – ENCLOSURE 7A

7. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Miller that the items of additional bleachers and a thirty second clocks at the athletic stadium be added to the May 7, 2009 agenda.

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Keisling)

Mr. Shargots reviewed the preliminary 2009-10 General Fund Budget -ENCLOSURE 7B

The board requested that the administration schedule a meeting to discuss the budget prior to the May 7, 2009 planning meeting.

Administrator's/Supervisors Reports

A. Chad Daloia, High School Assistant Principal reported on his participation in the National Association of Secondary School Principals Conference - ENCLOSURE 8B

Mr. Puglisi congratulated Dr. Daloia on behalf of the Board on the completion of his doctoral degree.

B. John Digon, Director of Technology, gave an updated report on the use of technology at the High School - ENCLOSURE 8C

C. Pete Keruskin, Middle School Principal presented a plan to implement program reform at the Middle School - ENCLOSURE 8D

D. Tom Sabol, Director of Food Services reported on the proposed vending contract comparison - ENCLOSURE 8E

President's Report

Old Business

Mr. Miller and Mr. Kuzman discussed the Middle School Roof proposal- ENCLOSURES 10A

It was the consensus of the Board to accept comments from Ron Miller, North Franklin Township, regarding the repair of the Middle School roof.

8. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the repair of the Middle School roof as proposed in ENCLOSURE 10A

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, commented that it had been her experience as a physical education teacher that sex education classes at the high school had been part of the physical education curriculum.

Ron Miller, North Franklin Township, encouraged the Board to consider a different application for the Middle School roof.

Tamara Salvatori, South Strabane Township, questioned when the budget would be available to the public.

Tom Roten, South Strabane Township, questioned when the Band Director's position would be filled.

Leslie Alexas, North Franklin Township, commented on Mr. Keruskin's plan for Middle School reform.

Personnel

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following:

Employment: Daniel Hill, Lacrosse Boys Varsity Assistant Coach, effective April 3, 2008 – ENCLOSURES 12B

Substitutes: Chris Windsheimer, custodian; Rebecca Egizio, special service aide/cafeteria worker - effective April 17, 2009; Cheryl Roberts, physics/math/chemistry teacher; Steve Lemonakis, music teacher - effective March 23, 2009; Kristina Dalnoky, elementary teacher; Adlin Strimmel, tech ed teacher; Nick West, health and physical education teacher (Policy 404.1 applies); Erica Steding, elementary teacher - effective March 30, 2009; Ruth Hildebrand, special service aide/clerical aide– effective April 6, 2009

Resignations, with regret: Jeff Bricker, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach - effective March 30, 2009; Clinton Blaney, John Abajace and Linda Rebish - physical education teachers; Kathleen DiNardo, Carol Linton-Riddle, Karen Pultz, Susan Johnson, Debra Costello, Janet Migyanko and Patricia Imbrogno, elementary teachers; Debra Dotson, Helen Haines and Christina Becker, mathematics teachers; Sherry Moyer, science teacher; Cheryl Rose and Alma Sasfai, reading specialists; Stephen Sienkiel, art teacher; Sharon Lemley and Dolores Burt, family and consumer science teachers; Patricia Levi, learning support teacher; Thomas Shulsky and James Arbore, technology education teachers; Robert Thornton, social studies teacher; - for retirement purposes, effective the end of the of 2008-09 school year; Linda Horner, reading specialist- for retirement purposes effective June 30, 2009; JoAnna Fulton, clerical aide, effective June 8, 2009

Leaves of Absence: Lori Emph, Special Service Aide, FMLA, effective February 25, 2009 to April 25, 2009; Nicole Welsh, high school science teacher, FMLA, effective May 4, 2009 through the end of the 2008-09 school year

The Board met in an executive session from 8:45 – 9:40 p.m.

Mr. Keisling left the meeting during the executive session.

Personnel

10. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept with regret the resignation of Charles W.

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Braden, Elementary Principal, for retirement purposes.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chambers asked that it be noted the outstanding job Mr. Braden has done for the District.

11. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to accept with regret the resignation of Jim Webb, Director of Support Services, and to approve a supplemental contract at his per diem rate for completion of the demographic study and to close out child accounting and transportation for the 2008-09 school year as scheduled by the Superintendent. Motion carried: 6 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens)

Mr. Clemens asked that it be noted the fantastic job Mr. Webb has done for the District.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow comment from Dwight Pees, Amwell Township resident and Dale Iams, Schweinebraten Bus Company. Both indicated that Mr. Webb did an exemplary job.

12. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the employment of Matthew Stultz as Music teacher/Band Director -ENCLOSURE 12G
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

13. Motion by Mr. Chambers seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the employment of Mike Marino as Varsity Head Wrestling Coach for three years – ENCLOSURE 12G
Motion failed: 4 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Miller, Puglisi); 4 nays (Chambers, McWreath, Knapp, Fetcko)

Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the employment of Mike Marino as Varsity Head Wrestling Coach for one year – ENCLOSURE 12G
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 3 nays (Bodnovich, Chambers, Puglisi)

14. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the employment of Angelo Marino, Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach; Andy Migyanko, Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach; Paul Reihner, 7th, 8th, 9th grades Head Wrestling Coach; Brad Kime, 7th, 8th, 9th grades Assistant Wrestling Coach; Daniel Berry, Lacrosse Middle School Assistant Coach – ENCLOSURES 12G, and to name William K. Martin as volunteer Assistant Softball Coach – ENCLOSURE 12H
Motion carried: 6 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Chambers)

15. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. McWreath to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors