

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
August 21, 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 roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling, James Knapp, 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; Dennis Makel, solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Public Comment

Karen Richmond, Beth Johnson and Fawn Schooley, North Franklin Township, commented on class size in fourth and fifth grades at Trinity South Elementary. Mrs. Richmond presented the Board with a petition requesting the addition of a fifth grade classroom at Trinity South.

1. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to direct the administration to monitor enrollment and recommend any necessary changes to reduce class sizes using present staff, including literacy coaches, reading specialists and hiring additional staff, and make a recommendation to the Board no later than September 18, 2008.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Bodnovich, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Puglisi)

Mr. Keisling asked that it be noted that in his opinion the method of delivery of instruction should be examined over class size.

Communications

None

2. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko, 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 Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Teen Outreach Program agreement – ENCLOSURE 5A

Motion carried: 7 ayes (Bodnovich, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Keisling, McWreath, Puglisi); 1 nay (Knapp)

4. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Puglisi, to approve the A-1 Electric Change Order – ENCLOSURE 5B

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve the first reading of revised Policies 005 – Organization, and 006 – Meetings –ENCLOSURES 5D

Motion carried unanimously.

Andreas Dometakis, HHSDR Architects, reviewed projects included in the Capital Improvement plan. The administration will rank the projects and report to the Board– ENCLOSURE 5D

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognition: Jim McCune introduced Mock Trial champions, Corey Kirkwood and Shane Rumbaugh.

Business Manager's Report

6. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve contracts for transportation of students – ENCLOSURES 7A

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots reported on the refinancing of the Bond Issue – ENCLOSURE 7B

Administrators/Supervisors' Reports

Director of Support Services – Mr. Webb

7. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the bus routes – ENCLOSURE 8B

Motion carried: 7 ayes (Bodnovich, Chambers, Fetcko, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Puglisi); 1 nay (Clemens)

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. McWreath reported on the Amwell Twp Water Authority – ENCLOSURE 9A

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Knapp complimented the recent Kinder Camp orientation program for incoming kindergarten students sponsored by the District Leadership Team.

Personnel

8. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the following:

- A. Employments: Lindsay Fittro, from half-time librarian to full time elementary teacher, effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1<sup>st</sup> step masters salary; Brittany Inghram, elementary teacher, effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1<sup>st</sup> step masters salary (pending receipt of clearances); Jeff O'Dette, social studies teacher effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1<sup>st</sup> step masters salary; Abby Tarr, half-time librarian, effective the 2008-09 school year at the 1<sup>st</sup> step bachelors salary, prorated; James Johnson, long-term sub for the 2008-09 school year at \$175 per day; Courtney Blackhurst, long-term sub first semester at \$125 per day; JoEllen Lang, long term sub first semester at \$125 per day – ENCLOSURES 12A

- B. Substitutes: Donna Barron, Special Service Aide/Clerical Aide, effective August 27, 2008; substitute teachers, clerical aides, special service aides, custodians and cafeteria workers – ENCLOSURE 12B
  - C. Leave of Absence: Melinda West Emerich, elementary teacher, Family Medical Leave effective August 25, 2008 not to exceed 12 weeks
  - D. Resignations: Sheila May-Stein, elementary librarian, effective July 28, 2008; Matthew Georgalas, computer technician, effective July 16, 2008; Scott Drakeley, high school teacher, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent
  - E. Bus and van drivers – ENCLOSURE 12C  
Motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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James R. Shargots, Secretary  
Trinity Area Board of Directors