

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 19, 2009
Trinity West Elementary School
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 (arrived at 6:43 p.m.), Jenifer Fetcko, James Knapp, John Keisling, Dennis McWreath, and Jeffrey Miller

Absent: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent

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

Mrs. Nalepka, Trinity West Principal, introduced Mrs. Hartley, fifth grade teacher and the fourth and fifth grade Science Fair project winners. Mrs. Hartley discussed the Science Fair and what criteria were required for the projects.

Mr. Puglisi thanked Mrs. Nalepka and the students for attending the meeting and reminded the audience that the Board would meet in each of the elementary buildings over the next three months.

Public Comment

None

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, 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 unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions:

- Student Representatives - Alex Pruce, alternate
- Students of the Month for January – Berton Miller, Middle School; Derek Burda, High School

B. Consortium for Public Education grant proposals

- Mary Ann Berty - Shakespeare on the Hill
- Carolyn Diederich - Picture Me Proficient

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the second reading of the following revised policies: - ENCLOSURES 5A

- 302 - Employment of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent
- 303 - Employment of Administrators
- 404 - Employment of Professional Employees
- 405 - Employment of Substitutes
- 406 - Employment of Summer School Staff
- 407 - Employment of Student Teachers
- 504 - Employment of Classified Employees
- 505 - Employment of Substitute and Short Term Employees
- 911 - News Media Relations

Mr. Knapp left the room prior to the vote.

Motion carried: 8-0

3. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the first reading of the following revised policies: - ENCLOSURES 5B

- 008 - Organization Chart
- 404.1 - Nepotism
- 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

After discussion, no vote was taken.

4. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the informal expulsion agreement for student A.B. - ENCLOSURE 12D

Motion carried unanimously

5. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the High School course proposals – ENCLOSURE 6A

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's/Supervisors

Don Snoke, High School Principal, discussed the possibility of public use of the high school library and storage space at the high school.

Business Manager's Report

6. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Audit Report for 2007-08 school year – ENCLOSURE 3A

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to award the Trinity West Landscaping bid to Fairfield Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$35,200 – ENCLOSURE 7B

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the Credit Card Resolution to increase \$5,000 limit to \$10,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to name Henderson Brothers, Inc. as Insurance Broker for years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 - ENCLOSURE 12C

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to name the insurance broker for a one year period.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Clemens, Keisling, Bodnovich); 6 nays (Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers)

On a roll call vote, the original motion to name Henderson Brothers, Inc. as Insurance Broker for a three year period carried:

7 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens); 2 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich)

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

None

Old Business

Mr. McWreath and Mr. Chambers discussed the ATWA – ENCLOSURES 10B.

10. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following, as read by Mr. Brungo:

That the Trinity Area School District, upon satisfaction of all of the conditions set forth below, will thereafter forgive the repayment of any remaining debt owed to the District by the Amwell Township Water Authority, and that neither the Authority nor Amwell Township shall be obligated to make further payments, provided as follows:

1. That the Amwell Township Water Authority has paid to the District all funds that were held by the Authority prior to the sale of the Authority's water line to the Pennsylvania American Water Company, including the transfer of ownership to the District of any certificates of deposit owned by the Authority, but excluding the amount of \$10,000.00 that shall be used by the Authority for the payment of bills until the sale of the water line is completed and the Authority is dissolved;
2. That the Amwell Township Water Authority has paid to the District the proceeds of the sale of the Authority's water line to the Pennsylvania American Water Company in the amount of \$50,000.00 at the time of closing on the sale;
3. That the Authority has been dissolved upon the final payment of any outstanding bills and that any Authority funds remaining thereafter have been paid over to Trinity Area School District at the time the dissolution is approved by the Pennsylvania Corporations Bureau.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Knapp to cease debate on the subject.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko); 3 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich, Clemens)

On a roll call vote, the original motion by to forgive the repayment of any remaining debt owed to the District by the Amwell Township Water Authority was approved: 6 ayes (Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko); 3 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling)

11. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the following:

- A. Employments: Nicholas West, Head Girls Soccer Coach; Ian McConnell, Head Boys Lacrosse Coach; Erin Helmkamp Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach; Peggy D. Ward, special service aide- effective February 20, 2009 – ENCLOSURES 12A
- B. Substitutes: John Kuhn, art teacher; James Eustis, custodial/maintenance worker; Charles Hughes, Jr., custodial/maintenance worker (Policy 404.1 applies); Andrea Gandy, clerical/special service aide - effective February 20, 2009.
- C. Resignations: Anne Ullom, special service aide, effective January 14, 2009; Mark Harshman, Director of Safety and Security, effective at the conclusion of the 2008-09 year.
- D. Leaves of Absence: Francesca Lounder, Middle School teacher, FMLA effective March 30, 2009 through the end of the 2008-09 school year; Robert Reese, custodian, FMLA effective January 21, 2009 to April 22, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors