

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 22, 2009
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Jenifer Fetcko, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, James Knapp, John Keisling, Dennis McWreath, and Jeffrey Miller

Absent: Samuel Puglisi

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.

Public Comment

None

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens 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: 7 ayes; 1 abstention (McWreath)

Superintendent's Report

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the first 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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Chambers)

3. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the IU Classroom Lease Agreement 2008-09 – ENCLOSURE 5B

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Miller to submit new construction project requests to the Secretary of Education – ENCLOSURES 5D

Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

- Student Representatives - Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate
- High School Students of the Month: November – Angela Palumbo
December – Audrey Adasiak
- Middle School Students of the Month: November – Casey Doyle
December – Jacie Goudy

Mrs. Weaver introduced the elementary principals and congratulated them on the Keystone Achievement Awards. She also reported on the math and reading support program – ENCLOSURE 6C.

Administrator's/Supervisors Report

Mr. Snoke and Mr. Orr presented information regarding the possible purchase of Tech Education equipment.

Business Manager's Report

5. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the Budget Resolution for 2009-10 – ENCLOSURE 8A

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Tech Education equipment bids – ENCLOSURE 8B

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, Miller); 5 nays (Chambers, Clemens, Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich)

7. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the TAEA Memorandum of Understanding – ENCLOSURE 12A

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 2 ayes (Knapp, Miller); 5 nays (Clemens, Fetcko, Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich); 1 abstention (Chambers)

Solicitor's Report

President's Report

Mrs. Fetcko requested that Mr. McWreath make a recommendation concerning the nominee for appointment to the ATWA. He recommended Dr. Turnbaugh.

Old Business

New Business

Mr. Keisling questioned the process used by Centax for collecting overdue taxes.

Personnel

8. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the employment of Ben Lipniskis, Charles Kelly and Mark Bonus (Policy 404.1 applies) as PSAT proctors at contractual rate

Motion to employ Mr. Lipniskis and Mr. Kelley failed: 4 ayes (Chambers, Miller, Knapp, Fetcko), 2 nays (Keisling, Clemens), 2 abstentions (McWreath, Bodnovich)

Motion to employ Mr. Bonus failed: 3 ayes (Chambers, Knapp, Fetcko) 2 nays (Keisling, Clemens) 3 abstention (Miller, McWreath, Bodnovich)

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the employment of Kathleen Parrish, long-term English substitute effective January 9, 2009.
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:

Substitutes: Rebecca Haught, van driver and special service aide; Michelle White, cafeteria worker; Ellen Gratz, cafeteria worker; Debrah Cogar, cafeteria worker, effective January 23, 2009.

Leaves of Absence: Gene Beattie, custodian, extension of unpaid medical leave effective November 13, 2008, not to exceed one year; Diana Berry, secretary, FMLA effective November 21, 2008 to January 15, 2009; Joyce Lewis, elementary teacher, sabbatical leave for restoration of health, effective the second semester with the option to return early.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept with regret the resignation of William Galvin, high school music teacher/band director, at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year for retirement purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn to an executive session to discuss litigation with no action to follow. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors