

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2009  
Trinity East 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 (participated via phone from 7:10 – 7:40 p.m.), Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling 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; Michael Brungo, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Mr. Minnick, Principal of Trinity East introduced a string quartet comprised of students who performed for the Board. Mr. Puglisi thanked Mr. Minnick and the students for attending the meeting and congratulated the student body for their success with the Read Across America program. He also reminded the audience that the meeting was the second in a series which would be held in the elementary buildings.

Joe Duda, Duda Actuarial Consulting, reported on the District's postretirement benefits plan GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation as of July 1, 2008.

Public Comment

Mary Aber, South Strabane Township commented on the possible use of Federal stimulus money.

Steven Day, South Strabane Township commented on repairs to Trinity South Elementary and the wrestling program.

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Keisling 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

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

- 008 - Organization Chart
- 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clemens participated in the following motions via telephone :

3. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the 2009-10 School Calendar - ENCLOSURE 5B

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 2 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich)

4. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve repairs to three classrooms (118,120 and 122) at Trinity South and name VEBH as the architect - ENCLOSURES 2A

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (McWreath, Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp); 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling)

5. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp for receipt of proceeds from the disbandment of the Amwell Township Water Authority and sale of the water line into the Capital Reserve Account be held in escrow until final sale completion

Motion by Mr. Keisling to amend the motion for the receipt of proceeds from the disbandment and sale be held in escrow until final sale completion.

After discussion, the original motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Keisling for receipt of proceeds from the disbandment of the Amwell Township Water Authority and sale of the water line be held in escrow until final sale completion.

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 2 nays (Puglisi, Clemens)

6. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the informal expulsion agreement for student S.T.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Garda, Guidance Department Representative reported on revisions to the counseling program - ENCLOSURE 5C

Mr. Clemens ended his participation via telephone.

#### Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

- Student Representatives - Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate
- Students of the Month for February – Holly Mahoney, High School; Michael Biksey, Middle School

#### Business Manager's Report

7. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the IU and WACTC 2009-10 Budgets - ENCLOSURES 7B & 7E

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Administrator's/Supervisors Reports

Mark Harshman, Director of Safety/Security - School Safety Report comparison - ENCLOSURE 9B

#### Solicitor's Report

None

#### President's Report

None

## Personnel

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

Employments: Anthony Belcastro, Middle School Softball Assistant Coach, effective March 6, 2009; Corbin Black, Middle School Lacrosse Head Coach, effective March 12, 2009 – ENCLOSURES 12A

Substitutes: Dacia Confort, art teacher - effective February 11, 2009; Pierce Kepple, speech and language pathologist at \$200 per day - effective February 16, 2009; Julie Ward, and Megan Fargo, elementary teachers - effective February 20, 2009; Diane Lindley, music teacher and Andrew Kuskil, tech ed teacher - effective March 2, 2009; Lisa Fitzharris and Rebecca DeLair, special service aides - effective March 20, 2009; Patricia Morgan, clerical and special service aide (Policy 404.1 applies) – effective March 20, 2009; Debrah Cogar and Kimberly Sanders, custodians – effective March 20, 2009

Resignation: Alison Migyanko, Assistant Softball Coach (volunteer position) effective March 20, 2009

Leaves of Absence: Melissa Santoro, Speech-Language Pathologist, unpaid Child Rearing Leave for the remainder of the 2008-09 year – effective March 6, 2009 through the remainder of the 2009 school year; Tara Knight, German teacher, FMLA - effective April 6 through June 4, 2009

Department Representatives: Kristen Shaw, High School English; Larry Myers, High School Social Studies; Joe Smith, High School Science; Alicia Richey, High School Math; Gordon Lowry, District Music; and Mark Marietta, District Art - effective the 2009-10 school year  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Puglisi adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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James Shargots, Secretary  
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors