

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 21, 2009
Trinity South 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

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

Mr. Braden, Principal of Trinity South Elementary, introduced students Misty Loar, Ryan Higinbotham and Emily Palefsky who presented art work which they had completed under the direction of Mrs. D'Orazio.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Steve Day, South Strabane Township, commented on items on the agenda which he felt should be postponed for action by new board members in December.

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens 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 Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the Bill Lists - ENCLOSURE 4C
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 4 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens, McWreath, Keisling)

Superintendent's Report

Jennifer Sylves, high school English teacher, demonstrated technology being used in her classroom.

Dr. Turnbaugh discussed the District's contracts with GG&C and Schweinebraten Bus companies regarding extra runs. He also presented a synopsis of the number of employees of professional staff - ENCLOSURE 5A

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

- Student Representatives - Christine Costello; Alex Pruce, alternate
- Students of the Month for April - Rachel Shaw, High School; Robin Crowley, Middle School

Business Manager's Report

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Intermediate Unit Bid Awards – ENCLOSURE 7A
Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

3. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to name Bank Depositories for the 2009-10 school year – ENCLOSURE 7B
Motion carried unanimously

4. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the Pro-Soft Technologies contract for the 2009-10 school year- ENCLOSURE 7C
Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the Industrial Appraisal for the Middle School- ENCLOSURE 7D
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, McWreath)

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2009-10 school year- ENCLOSURE 7E

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to request that the administration prepare a Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2009-10 school year with a one mill decrease.
On a roll call vote, motion failed: 4 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling, McWreath); 5 nays (Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp)

After discussion, the motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clemens to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2009-10 school year carried, with the understanding that a budget meeting would be scheduled prior to the June 30, 2009 board meeting.
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Puglisi, Bodnovich, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller); 1 nay (Keisling)

The board directed the administration to prepare the budget with both a one mill and two mill decrease for their review at the budget meeting.

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the Gleason Life Insurance agreement (IU Consortium) for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 - ENCLOSURE 7F; and to name Berggren & Turturice, LLC to appeal tax assessments at \$95 per hour - ENCLOSURE 12A
Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Emmocon Corporation change order - ENCLOSURE 7I
On a roll call vote, motion failed: 2 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens); 7 nays (Chambers, Fetcko, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi)

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Lucas reviewed invoices for Westmoreland Electric and North Franklin Twp Authority – ENCLOSURE 9A

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi reminded the board of the District Recognition Breakfast – June 8

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the adoption of ARRA resolution – ENCLOSURE 10A
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

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

A. Employments: Kim Andria, ESY Social Worker; Stephanie Gregor and Robin Durilla – ESY teachers; Jo Ann Horne, ESY Occupational Therapist

B. Substitutes: Ricki A. Scholz, Becky Haught and Kendall Durila, custodians; Gina Fulton and Patricia

Maxwell, clerical, cafeteria and special service aides; Terri Dydiw, clerical and special service aide

- C. Resignations: Larry Myers, Girls Head Volleyball coach, effective April 22, 2009; Ike Nicolopolous as Boys Head Soccer Coach, effective May 8, 2009; Meghan Child, Director of the Spring Musical, effective May 8, 2009
 - D. Leaves of Absence: Michele Orchowski, Middle School English teacher, Child Rearing Leave effective August 24, 2009 through January 20, 2010; Chelsey Miller, elementary teacher, FMLA, effective May 4, 2009 through the end of the 2008-09 school year
 - E. Name James Shargots as Board Secretary and Judy Walz as Assistant Board Secretary for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013 (No compensation)
 - F. Name William H. Clemens as School Board Treasurer for the 2009-10 school year
- Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to waive Policy 303.1 – Nepotism, regarding the transfer of Michelle Ostrosky to the position of principal at Trinity South Elementary, effective July 1, 2009
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi); 2 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich)

Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the transfer of Michelle Ostrosky to the position of principal at Trinity South Elementary, effective July 1, 2009
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers); 3 nays (Clemens, Keisling, Bodnovich)

12. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to employ Mike Marino as Head Wrestling Coach for 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers); 4 nays (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens)

Mr. Puglisi adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

The board met in an executive session from 8:55 to 9:56 p.m. to discuss personnel with no action to follow. Mr. Keisling left the meeting prior to the executive session.

James Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors