

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 16, 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: Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller, and Samuel Puglisi

Absent: Dennis Makel, solicitor; Thomas Bodnovich participated via telephone between 7:00 – 7:35 p.m.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Steve Day and Tom Moore, South Strabane Township; Don Hazlett and Joe Costello, North Franklin Township; Stephanie Komorowski, Canton Township, spoke regarding the opening of the solicitor's position. Tamara Salvatori, South Strabane Township, commented on the resignation of Mr. Walsh.

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to open the Solicitor's position.

Mr. Keisling objected to the second by Mr. Puglisi, indicating that he had not supported Mr. Makel and therefore could not second the motion. Mr. McWreath indicated that it was permissible for Mr. Puglisi to second the motion.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to table the motion to open the position of Solicitor. On a roll call vote, motion failed: 5 nays (Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi); 4 ayes (Clemens, Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich)

After discussion, the Board met in an executive session from 7:13 – 7:27 p.m.

On a roll call vote, the motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to open the Solicitor's position passed: 5 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers), 4 nays (Clemens, Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich)

2. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Keisling to nominate Timothy Berggren as Solicitor.
Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to nominate Michael Brungo as Solicitor.
Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to nominate Dennis Makel as Solicitor.
Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to close nominations.
Motion carried unanimously.

On a roll call vote, Mr. Brungo was elected Solicitor effective October 17, 2008.

Voting for Mr. Brungo: Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers

Voting for Mr. Berggren: Keisling, Bodnovich, Clemens

Mr. Bodnovich did not participate in the meeting after the vote to elect the Solicitor.

3. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, 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 unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

4. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the first reading of revised Policy 006 Meetings, with a revision to require the agenda of the second meeting be mailed to board members prior to the meeting – ENCLOSURES 5A
Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the bid of Trinity Hall renovations and Trinity West landscaping and the submission of PDE-3074(B) – ENCLOSURE 5B
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to develop bid specification for addition to the stadium bleachers and the submission of PDE-3074(B) – ENCLOSURE 5B
On a roll call vote, motion failed: 7 nays (Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko); 1 aye (Miller)

7. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Use of Facilities fee schedule, with a revision to require a trained person to operate the multi media systems in the District– ENCLOSURE 5C
Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Enspeg environmental testing proposal – ENCLOSURE 8A
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Turnbaugh reported on his attendance to the ASCA Workshop and read the mission statement developed at that workshop.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions: September Students of the Month

- Christine Costello, High School
- Alyssa Guerrieri, Middle School

Business Manager's Report

9. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to add Trinity East Build a Better Playground Association to the list of District recognized groups – ENCLOSURE 7A
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to name Amwell Township as Earned Income and Mercantile Tax and Delinquent Earned Income and Mercantile Tax Collector for the calendar year 2009 (3% increase) – ENCLOSURE 7B
Motion carried: 7 – 0 (Mr. Clemens was not present for the vote)

11. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Keisling to appoint Marjorie Day as Amwell Township Local Service Tax Collector for 2009 at 1.75%
Motion carried: 7 – 0 (Mr. Clemens was not present for the vote)

Mr. Shargots discussed the Tax Collection comparison – ENCLOSURE 7C

Administrators/Supervisors' Reports

Mr. Minnick, Assistant Middle School Principal, and Mr. Snoke, High School Principal reported on 4Sight testing, Directed Study and Reading instruction, College Board and Prep Classes

Mr. Sabol, Director of Food Service discussed Point of Sale proposals.

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. McWreath discussed the interviewing of head coaches. It was the consensus of the board that they would not participate in the interview process for head coaches.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Knapp discussed the role of a School Resource Officer and recommended that the District not pursue this due to lack of available funding.

Personnel

12. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Chambers to accept with regret the resignation of Rick Walsh, elementary principal, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent; and to approve the unpaid leave of absence of Craig Bihler, custodian, effective October 1, 2008 for a period not to exceed one year.
Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Chambers to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board met in an executive session with no action to follow.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area School Board of Director