

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
September 18, 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: 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; Dennis Makel, solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Public Comment

Sandy Clutter, Canton Township, commented on student drop off procedures at the Middle School.

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, 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

2. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the second reading of revised Policy 005-Organization – ENCLOSURE 5A
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Turnbaugh presented position descriptions for the Literacy Coach and Reading and Math Support Teachers – ENCLOSURES –5E

3. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to revise the criteria for the Middle School Special Education position to eliminate the requirement to be highly qualified in English and the criteria for the Elementary Reading and Math Support teachers to Reading Specialist certification preferred, not required.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bodnovich questioned the possible use of a head-hunter when seeking teacher applicants, indicating that he had contacted DuBois School District who stated that they use an employment service. Dr. Turnbaugh said he would contact the District and report at the next meeting.

Dr. Turnbaugh reported on the meeting with South Strabane Parks and Recreation concerning the softball field. He indicated that South Strabane would inform the District of their decision in the future. He also reported on the Acknowledgement of Receipt and Reading of Board Policies regarding new employees– ENCLOSURE 5G

4. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to go through with the bid specs for items 3-10 and to hold items 1 and 2 until Spring as per the Capital Improvement Plan - ENCLOSURES 5D & 5I
Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the proposed goals for Dr. Turnbaugh for the 2008-09 school year – ENCLOSURE 5J
Motion carried; 8 ayes; 1 nay (Keisling)

As indicated in Dr. Turnbaugh's goal to update the District's Redistricting Plan, Mr. McWreath appointed the following board members to the Community Advisory Committee: Fetcko, North Franklin Township; Clemens, Canton Township; Puglisi, South Strabane Township; McWreath, Amwell Township

Dr. Turnbaugh addressed the issue of Board members' requests for written documentation from employees. It was again consensus of the Board that all requests must be made through the Superintendent.

Business Manager's Report

6. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve Budget Transfers – ENCLOSURE 7A

Motion carried unanimously

7. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to approve Tobey Karg HVAC contract for 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 – ENCLOSURE 7C

Motion carried unanimously

It was the consensus of the board that representatives of the Board attend the next North Franklin Township meeting to request a reduction in building permit charges – ENCLOSURE 7G

Mr. Shargots presented bids for the Trinity West Softball Field –ENCLOSURE 7B. He also reported on the meeting with the auditor concerning the Amwell Township Water Authority

Administrators/Supervisors' Reports

Mr. Sabol, Director of Food Service reported on the vending contracts and the point of sale program. He indicated that the High School is now eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program due to the elimination of the vending contracts. He reported that the point of sale program should be in place in all buildings during the second 9 weeks of the school year.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Makel indicated that he is waiting for a response from Range Resources regarding their agreement with ATWA.

President's Report

Mr. McWreath requested that Mrs. Weaver report on the new math program and all day kindergarten at the next meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Keisling left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The Board met in an executive session from 9:00 – 9:45 p.m.

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

Employments: Julia O'Neal, elementary teacher, effective September 19, 2008; Benjamin Stewart, long term chemistry sub, first semester; Alessandra Metzinger, Literacy Coach, effective October 1, 2008; Robert Perri, computer technician, effective October 6, 2008 (pending receipt of clearance); Shannon Kerr, 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Girls Head Soccer Coach, (policy #404 applies) effective September 2, 2008; Mark Harshman, 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Girls Assistant Soccer Coach, effective September 2, 2008; Anson Zacour, Supervisor START Program, effective September 8, 2008 (pending receipt of clearances); Lindsay Greer, Middle School English teacher, (policy #404 applies) effective date to be determined by the Superintendent – ENCLOSURES 13A

Substitutes: Lauren Brocchi, elementary; Kathleen Parrish, special education and English; Heather Mohr, elementary; Eileen Insana, elementary; Lynn Migyanko, elementary; Donald Wall, Earth/Space Science, Social Studies and General Science; Chelsey Miller, elementary and special education; Betty Clutter, Spanish and business education; June Threlkeld, business education; Ryan Valdiseri, elementary; David Kaper, elementary; Mary Alice Susko, elementary and Social Studies; Linda Reschick, English and Guidance – effective August 27, 2008; Mary Jane Hayes- Bellino, cafeteria worker, effective September 19, 2008; Samuel Lombardo, special service aide, effective September 19, 2008

Resignations: Bethany Altenhof, middle school English teacher, effective when released by the Superintendent; Marianne Malanosky, cafeteria monitor, effective August 15, 2008

Retirements: Edla M. Bradley, secretary, effective January 6, 2009; Patricia Mounts, cafeteria worker, effective August 18, 2008 – ENCLOSURE 13B

Leaves of Absence: Amy Frazee, high school chemistry teacher, extension of child rearing leave through first semester of the 2008-09 school year; Gene Beattie, custodian, unpaid medical leave effective September 17, 2008 for a period of 6 to 8 weeks

Bus/van drivers – ENCLOSURE 13C

Informal expulsion of students A.P and M.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors