

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 20, 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, (participated via telephone between 6:44 p.m.-8:26 p.m.) and Samuel Puglisi.

Others present: Thomas Turnbaugh, Superintendent (arrived at 6:50 p.m.); Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Public Comment

None

1. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to remove item *I. Filing of criminal complaint against employee for theft of material* from the agenda.
On a roll call vote, motion fails: 4 nays (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling), 4 ayes (Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp)

Communications

None

2. 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.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Recognitions:

- Students of the Month for October –Brittini Scott, High School
- Nancy Banfield, WalMart Teacher of the Year
- Mark Davis, Sam's Club Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Dana Ledger, Trinity East elementary teacher provided a presentation on the new Math program.

Mrs. Weaver reported on the District's Terra Nova results – ENCLOSURE 6B

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the second reading of revised Policy 006 – Meetings– ENCLOSURE 5A
Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

4. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the first reading of revised Policy 801 – Public Records, and name the Superintendent of Schools as the Open Records Officer– ENCLOSURE 5B
Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager’s Report

5. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to award the Middle School Storage Building bid to Norwalk Concrete Industries in the amount of \$10,950– ENCLOSURE 7A
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve General Fund budgetary transfers – ENCLOSURE 7B
Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Puglisi, to award the Point of Sale system to Hospitality Control Systems – ENCLOSURE 7C
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots also reported on the SWAP and the ATWA audit.

Mr. Chambers presented Mr. Shargots with a check in the amount of \$2,700 from the Trinity Art Scholarship Association auction which was held to benefit the Trinity Arts Scholarship Fund.

Administrators/Supervisors’ Reports

Mr. Sabol, Director of Food Services reported on vending contract.

Mr. Kuzman, Director of Facilities reported on the music rooms located at Trinity West and Trinity North elementary schools.

Solicitor’s Report

None

President’s Report

Mr. McWreath noted that the contract with the architect would be signed that evening indicating that the contract called for six percent across the board. He also reviewed the conference report forms in the board packet and discussed the revised Use of Facilities Application, also included in the packet.

Mr. McWreath announced that an executive session was held on Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Old Business

Mr. Bodnovich discussed Freedom Area School District’s nepotism policy.

Mr. Clemens reported on the status of the proposed bus stop located on McClay Road.

New Business

None

Personnel

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

Employments: Matthew Christy, computer technician, effective November 7, 2008; Joan Rogers, cafeteria worker, effective November 21, 2008; Delight Seng, special service aide, effective November 21, 2008; Robyn Willis, Emotional Support Teacher, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent; Mike Williamson, Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, effective November 17, 2008, pending receipt of clearances; Tom Kelley, Girls JV Head Basketball Coach, effective November 17, 2008; Heather Watson, Girls Eighth Grade Head Basketball Coach, effective December 8, 2008; Mickey Koroly, Girls Seventh Grade Head Basketball Coach, effective December 8, 2008; Richard Conrady, Girls Basketball Coach (non-compensated), effective November 17, 2008, pending receipt of clearances– ENCLOSURES 12A

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to employ Sandra Deems, Assistant Middle School Principal, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent, Policy 404.1 applies

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Chambers to amend the motion and to vote on waiving Policy 404.1- Nepotism in order to hire Sandra Deems as Assistant Middle School Principal.

Motion carried unanimously

On the motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to employ Sandra Deems, Assistant Middle School Principal, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich); 1 abstention (Keisling)

10. Motion by Mr. Puglisi seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following:

Substitutes: Shannon Glaser, elementary teacher, effective October 8, 2008; Glenn Aston-Reese, Math teacher, effective October 8, 2008; Michelle Abajace, cafeteria worker, effective November 21, 2008; Samuel Lombardo, clerical aide, effective November 21, 2008; Emelia Fodor, clerical aide, effective November 21, 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the following:

Leaves of Absence: Judith Burt, custodian, FMLA effective October 6, 2008 for a period not to exceed 12 weeks; Leslie Christ, elementary teacher, extension of unpaid child rearing leave to include the second semester of 2008-09; Melissa Santoro, speech and language pathologist, FMLA effective November 24, 2008 for a period not to exceed 12 weeks.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:

Granting of tenure: Francesca Lounder, effective November 20, 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:

Change of Status: Jack Minnick from Assistant Middle School Principal to Principal of Trinity East Elementary, effective December 1, 2008 – ENCLOSURE 12B

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 2 abstentions (Keisling, Bodnovich)

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

Resignations: Becky Siembak, Girls Head Basketball Coach, effective October 31, 2008; Deanna Kelley, Girls Head Soccer Coach, effective October 31, 2008; Stephanie Lauer Johnson, Girls Middle School Softball and Girls Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective November 3, 2008

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Chambers)

15. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the reduction of one Clerical Aide position at the High School

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 3 nays (Knapp, Chambers, Miller)

16. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjust the salary of Ruth Hildebrand, cafeteria monitor to \$8.80 per hour effective August 27, 2008 – ENCLOSURE 12F

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Keisling, seconded by Bodnovich to file a criminal complaint against an employee for theft of material

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to ask the Trinity School Board to request the Pennsylvania State Police to investigate the theft of water at Trinity South Elementary

On a roll call vote, the amended motion failed: 5 nays (Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp); 4 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling, McWreath)

The original motion and second were withdrawn.

Adjournment

18. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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