

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 17, 2008
Board Room – Trinity Hall

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, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Samuel Puglisi. Jenifer Fetcko and Jeffrey Miller participated via telephone from 9:10 to 11:25 p.m.

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

None

Communications

None

1. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following: Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bill Lists, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4A, 4B, 4C, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H
Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following: second reading of revised policies 706 – Property Records and 904 – Public Attendance at School Events – ENCLOSURE 5A; IU Alternative School Articles of Agreement– ENCLOSURE 5B; and Kennywood Day, June 11, 2009 – ENCLOSURE 5C
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Puglisi to ratify the Superintendent's action to approve the change order for repair of the break in the storm sewer line at Trinity South.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (McWreath, Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens, Knapp); 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling)

Dr. Turnbaugh reported on the use of the softball field in South Strabane and indicated that he, Mr. Dalton and Mr. Kuzman will meet with the South Strabane Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the possibility of adding one year to the end of the current agreement.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Weaver reported on the enrollment in the elementary schools – ENCLOSURE 6A

4. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Clemens to offer a SAT College Board Prep course during school hours.
Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager's Report

Mr. Shargots reported on budget revenues – ENCLOSURE 7A, and millage comparison – ENCLOSURE 7B

5. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Eric Ryan Corporation for review of all utility bills
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the athletic physician's contract – ENCLOSURE 7C
Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the PenServe 403(B) Plan agreement – ENCLOSURE 7D

After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to table the discussion concerning the approval of the PenServe 403(B) Plan agreement pending review by Mr. Makel.

Motion failed: 4 nays (McWreath, Chambers, Knapp, Puglisi); 3 ayes (Clemens, Keisling, Bodnovich)

Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the PenServe 403 (B) Plan agreement pending review by Mr. Makel – ENCLOSURE 7D

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's/Supervisor's Reports

Director of Activities/Athletics– *Mr. Dalton*

8. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the sponsorship fee schedule – ENCLOSURE 8A

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Dalton also reported on field usage and gave the Spring sports report – ENCLOSURE 8A

Director of Facilities – *Mr. Kuzman*

9. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the field surveys for Trinity North and Trinity East – ENCLOSURE 8B

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kuzman gave an update on current projects, including bleacher seating at the high school track, the sound system in the auditorium, various projects at the high school and repairs at Trinity South –ENCLOSURE 8B

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. McWreath asked the board to review policies 005 – Organization and 006 –Meetings –ENCLOSURE 11A

Old Business

Building and Grounds Committee Report – *Mr. Clemens*

10. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Chambers to bid items B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K and L listed on ENCLOSURE 11B

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to table the motion until the next board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. John Muraco gave a presentation regarding the role of consultants in the school district.

11. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to direct the administration to meet with Mr. Muraco.

Motion carried: 4 ayes (Clemens, Keisling, Knapp, Bodnovich); 2 nays (Puglisi, Chambers); 1 abstention (McWreath)

12. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to allow the administration to consider moving Level 1 teacher applicants to Level 2 when the applicant is highly qualified from an Ivy League school.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to amend the motion to ask the administration to review the hiring policy.

Motion carried: 6 ayes (McWreath, Puglisi, Clemens, Keisling, Bodnovich, Knapp); 1 nay (Chambers)

The board met in an executive session from 9:10 until 11:20 p.m. to discuss personnel, negotiations and student discipline.

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 p.m. with the following Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Samuel Puglisi. Jenifer Fetcko and Jeffrey Miller participated via telephone from 9:10 to 11:25 p.m.

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.

Personnel

Mr. Makel asked that it be noted that Mr. Miller abstained from any discussion during executive session concerning the hiring of Stephanie Miller.

13. Motion by Mr. Chambers seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the following:

Leave of Absence: Leslie Christ, elementary teacher, continuation of Child Rearing Leave effective August 25, 2008 through the end of the first semester.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Change of Status: Donald Howard from 9th Grade Head Football Coach to JV Assistant Football Coach at a salary of \$2500, effective July 18, 2008; Nicholas Sworden from Assistant 9th Grade Football Coach to Head 9th Grade Football Coach at a salary of \$2500 effective July 18, 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:

Employments: Emily Richards, Melinda McClintock and Julie Musser at the 1st step bachelors salary, \$40,725; Jennifer Yim, Pam Daetwyler and Kelly Smeyers at the 1st step masters salary, \$41,325 effective August 25, 2008; Literacy Coaches Jessica Wachter at the 3rd step masters salary, \$41,725 and Karen Drexler, at the 3rd step bachelors salary, \$41,125 effective August 25, 2008; Tera Brickner, Spanish teacher at the 1st step masters salary \$41,325 effective August 25, 2008; Jennifer Shaffer, middle school science teacher at the 1st step bachelors salary, \$40,725 effective August 25, 2008; special education teachers Timothy Tessmer and Amber Long at the 1st step bachelors salary, \$40,725; Melissa Opalanko, half-time special education teacher at the 1st step bachelors salary prorated, \$20,362.50 effective August 25, 2008; James Johnson, Assistant 9th Grade Football Coach at a salary of \$1500 effective July 18, 2008; Craig Uram, Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach at a salary of \$1500 effective July 18, 2008 –ENCLOSURES 12A

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Chambers to employ Stephanie Miller at the 1st step bachelors salary, \$40,725 effective August 25, 2008, – ENCLOSURE 12A

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Puglisi, Chambers, Clemens, Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath), 2 nays (Bodnovich, Keisling), 1 abstention (Miller)

17. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens that the meeting adjourn at 11:25 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
Trinity Area Board of Directors

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