

OTRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
August 20, 2009  
Board Room – Trinity Hall  
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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: R. Tim Marks, Acting Superintendent; Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Falco Muscante, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

1. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. McWreath to add employments, substitutes, a resignation, contracts and bus and van drivers to the agenda as per the attached addendum.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township, commented on the football complex and thanked the board for the facility. Mrs. Piatt noted that more seating was needed.

Tamara Salvatori, South Strabane Township, questioned if the Coordinator of Transportation would be in place prior to the first day of school. She also commented on employment issues.

Karen Richmond, North Franklin Township, questioned a transportation issue.

Judy Panasik, South Strabane Township, commented on the contract for the Coordinator of Transportation and the position of Coordinator of Student Data/Public Relations.

Communications

None

2. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report, Cafeteria Report, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account, Middle School Activities Account and Officials Account - ENCLOSURES 4B, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G and 4H  
Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Bill Lists with the exception of payment to HHSDR Architects in the amount of \$1,959 for Professional Services at Trinity Hall for improvements, Invoice 3566 Statement 5- ENCLOSURE 4C  
Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2009 meeting – ENCLOSURE 4A  
Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the Teen Outreach Program Agreement – ENCLOSURE 5B  
Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

4. Motion to approve the Informal expulsion agreement for student Z.B. - ENCLOSURE 9C

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager's Report

5. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Kennywood Agreement – ENCLOSURE 6A  
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the e-Bay Proposal – ENCLOSURE 6D  
Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the purchase of smoke detectors – ENCLOSURE 6E  
Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

None

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi appointed Mr. Bodnovich as the board representative regarding negotiation of the contract to renew the lease of copiers and indicated that other members of the committee would be appointed by the Superintendent. He also announced that an executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and a student matter.

Personnel

8. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the employment of Shannon Kerr as an elementary teacher at the first step bachelor's salary of \$42,625(404.1 applies)  
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers; 3 nays (Keisling, Bodnovich, Clemens)

9. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the employment of Lynn Braden, elementary teacher, at the first step master's salary of \$43, 225- effective August 24 2009; Jamie Gerba, Speech and Language Pathologist, at the first step master's salary of \$43, 225 and Rebecca Cardone, elementary teacher at the first step masters salary of \$43,225 -*pending receipt of clearances* -ENCLOSURES 9A  
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens)

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the employment of substitute teachers Lainey Resetar and Kimberly Umbel – long term first semester substitutes (English) at the Middle School at \$125 per day -*pending receipt of clearances*; Kathleen Parrish and Jennifer DeFrancesco, casual day to day substitutes effective September 21, 2009  
Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Chambers to accept the resignation of Leslie Christ, elementary teacher, effective August 21, 2009  
Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the contract of Aaron Vanatta as School Police Officer – ENCLOSURE 9B  
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Bodnovich, Chambers, Fetcko); 1 nay: Clemens

13. Motion by Mr. Puglisi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to delay the motion for approval of the contract of the Coordinate or Transportation per the solicitor's request in order for the matter to be discussed in an executive session  
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 2 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens)

14. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the contract of Samantha Miller as Coordinator of Student Data/Public Relations - ENCLOSURES 9B

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Knapp, McWreath, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko); 3 nays (Bodnovich, Clemens, Keisling)

15. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the bus and van drivers – ENCLOSURE 9D

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to rescind the hiring of Jennifer Kennevan as a reading specialist effective August 12, 2009

Motion carried unanimously.

The board met in an executive session from 8:15 to 8:31 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

17. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to rescind the employment of the Coordinator of Transportation

Motion failed: 1 aye (Keisling); 5 nays (Miller, Puglisi, Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp); 3 abstentions (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens)

18. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the contract for Sean Bristor as the Coordinator of Transportation – ENCLOSURE 9B

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

19. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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James Shargots, Secretary  
Trinity Area School District Board of Directors