

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2010  
Board Room - Trinity Hall  
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Thomas Bodnovich, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Henry Clemens (participated via telephone 6:32 – 7:00 p.m.), Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval (participated via telephone 6:32 – 7:15 p.m.), John Keisling, and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: James P. Knapp

Others present: James R. Dick, Acting Superintendent; Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the minutes of the January planning and regular meetings as presented – ENCLOSURES 2A

Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of Citizens

Cathy Brownlee, North Franklin Township, thanked Mr. Dick and Mr. Snoke for their support of her son.

Robert Defillippo, North Franklin Township, commented that his family moved into the District because of its' excellent reputation and hoped that the Board would strive to maintain that reputation.

Evan Chambers, South Strabane Township, commented on the students' lower parking lot at the high school.

Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township, asked the Board for clarification regarding the decision not to advertise to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Alice Murphy, South Strabane Township, applauded the Board on the hiring of the new superintendent and commented that emergency snow routes would be a good idea.

Amy Steinstraw, South Strabane Township, commented on community input regarding the hiring of the superintendent.

John Spina, North Franklin Township, questioned the hiring process for coaches.

Appointment of Board member

P-22-10 Motion by Mr. Day, second by Mrs. Clutter to appoint Dennis McWreath to fill vacancy on the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Superintendent

P-23-10 Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the resolution for the election of Paul T. Kasunich as Trinity Area School District Superintendent of Schools per compliance with Pennsylvania School Code effective upon release from his commission from the Blackhawk Area School District – ENCLOSURE 2B

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Salvatori); 0 nays

Superintendent's Report – *Mr. James R. Dick, Acting Superintendent*

John Zivkovic, Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP reviewed the Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2009

Mr. Dick suggested that the District consider developing emergency bus routes for next year. He also reviewed the School Calendar for 2010-11 – ENCLOSURE 4B and the revised School Calendar for 2009-10 – ENCLOSURE 4C

Assistant Superintendent's Report – *Mrs. Yvonne B. Weaver*

Recognitions:

Mrs. Weaver recognized the Students of the Month for January: Ben Brownlee, high school, and Jamie Satryan, middle school.

She also reported to the Board the Western Area Career and Technical Center award winners: Daniel Davenport, 1<sup>st</sup> place HVAC; Colby Braughler and Denite Sutton 2<sup>nd</sup> place Crime Scene Investigation; Bryanna Briggs, Savannah May and Cheyanne Whipkey, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Health Bowl Competition. Mrs. Weaver also recognized Mrs. Carolyn Diederich, elementary teacher, who was awarded National Board Certification.

Student Representatives Ben Brownlee and Evan Chambers (alternate) reported on activities in the high school, noting that the spring musical, Wonderful Town, and eighth grade move up nights were upcoming events. They also noted that the wrestling and rifle teams were preparing for the playoffs and that the men's basketball team finished second in the section.

Mr. Dick thanked Mr. Donald Snoke for the time and effort he spent helping to remove snow from District facilities, indicating he had gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Business Manager/ Board Secretary's Report – *Mr. James Shargots*

No report.

Mrs. Interval and Mr. Clemens did not participate in the following votes:

Board and Representatives Reports

Finance – *Mr. Day*

F -13-10 Motion by Mr. Day second by Mr. Keisling to approve the Treasurer's Report for December, 2009, as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7A

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-14-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve that the General Fund bills in the amount of \$889,145.68 and payments from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,340 be approved as submitted – ENCLOSURES 7B  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-15-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Cafeteria bills as submitted – ENCLOSURE 7C  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-16-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve the Extra Curricular Account Reports by the respective principals be accepted for the period December 1 through 31, 2009 – ENCLOSURES 7D, 7E and 7F  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-17-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve water boiler bid for the Middle School in the amount of \$23,157.75 – ENCLOSURE 7G  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-18-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve Middle School locker room HVAC unit replacement in the amount of \$29,900 – ENCLOSURE 7G  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-19-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the transfer of \$200,000 to the Capital Reserve Account  
On a roll call vote, motion failed: 0 ayes; 5 nays (Clutter, Day, Keisling, Salvatori, Bodnovich)

F-20-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the transfer of \$450,000 to an escrow account for PSERS retirement payments.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-21-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve a representative from PSBA to review the District's budgetary process at a cost not to exceed \$2500.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-22-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2009 as presented.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-23-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve the Auditor General's Report for Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 – ENCLOSURE 4A  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

F-24-10 Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve the Premier Power Solutions agreement – ENCLOSURE 6A  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Personnel/Athletics-Mr. Keisling

P-24-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the resignation of Haden Watson as 9thGrade Boys Baseball JV Assistant Coach  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-25-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve Eric Cook as the Lacrosse Middle School Assistant Coach  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-26-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve William C. Britton as the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Head Baseball Coach  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-27-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Paula Ferry, cafeteria manager.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-28-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Linda Adams, cafeteria worker.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-29-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve the attendance of Mr. Bodnovich to the state PASBO conference, March 9-12, 2010.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-30-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the employment of Tammy Albani as a substitute special service aide, effective February 19, 2010.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-31-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to table the employment of Larry Wright as a custodian, effective February 22, 2010  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-32-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the resignation of Elise Birch as the Assistant Speech & Debate Coach, effective February 1, 2010  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-33-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve unpaid leave for Lindsey Greer and Jennifer Davis as per the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Trinity Area School District and the Trinity Area Education Association  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-34-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the resignation of Erin Helmkamp as Varsity Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-35-10 Motion to by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter approve Thomas Bodnovich as the Board's nominee for consideration for election to the Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

P-36-10 Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clutter to approve an FMLA on an intermittent basis for Judy Rudman, Secretary, effective February 8, 2010  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Education – Mrs. Salvatori

E-3-10 Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the School Calendar for 2010-11 – ENCLOSURE 4B  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

E-4-10 Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve a revised School Calendar for 2009-10 – ENCLOSURE 4C  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Transportation, Building & Grounds- Mrs. Clutter

Policies- Mrs. Salvatori

Po-6-10 Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the second reading of revised Policy 005 – Organization – ENCLOSURE 7I  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Po-7-10 Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the second reading of revised Policy 006 – Meetings – ENCLOSURE 7J  
Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

North Franklin Business & Recreation Authority

Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, for permission to seek special counsel regarding Mr. Day's appointment to the LERTA Board.  
Motion carried unanimously.

There were no reports from the following representatives:

- A. Western Area Career & Technical Center – *Mr. Knapp*
- B. Intermediate Unit –
- C. Citizens Library – *Mrs. Salvatori*
- D. PSBA Liaison – *Mrs. Salvatori*

President's Report

Mr. Bodnovich indicated that any Board member wish to attend the Intermediate Unit 1 Annual Convention, March 23, 2010 should register with the Superintendent's Office by Friday, February 19, 2010.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel items and litigation. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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