

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
May 20, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
BOARD ROOM – TRINITY HALL

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to appoint Scott Day as temporary chairperson, due to the absence of the President, Mr. Bodnovich.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Day, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Henry Clemens, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Thomas Bodnovich, Jack Keisling

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent, Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent(left the meeting at 6:45 p.m); James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Dr. Kasunich made a statement regarding recent incidents at the high school; one between two students and another allegedly involving a faculty member and a student. He indicated that the first issue had been investigated and resolved and the second was under investigation.

2. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the minutes of the April 1 (as revised) and April 15, 2010 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to add the following items to the agenda:

4.5 Approval is recommended to include M.S. & H.S. Science; M.S. & H.S. Industrial Arts; Athletics to Intermediate Unit Bid Awards (to be distributed).

4.12 Approval is recommended to issue a RFP for food service management services for the 2010-11 school year.

6.2 Approval is recommended to contract with Keystone Educational Consulting Group for the 2010-11 school year at a cost of \$28,750.00 to be paid with Title 2 funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver recognized high school students Sara Huggins and Lydia Hartzell and middle school student Jordan Nutter as Students of the Month for April.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA and NON AGENDA ITEMS

Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township, questioned adding items to the agenda.

Ken Bonnell, Canton Township, commented on the incidents reported at the high school.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Scott Day, Chairperson

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Treasurer's Report for March, 2010, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,061,940.28 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$10,011.00 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the following items:

- Payment of cafeteria bills as submitted
- Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Account, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted
- Intermediate Unit Bid Awards as submitted
- Name Washington Financial bank as depository for the Trinity Area School District for 2010-11
- Agreement with H&H Water Controls as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to name Cypher and Cypher as auditors for the Trinity Area School District for 2010 -2011-2012 as submitted

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

8. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to name banking institutions for the Trinity Area School District for 2010-11 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the recommendation to issue a RFP for food service management services for the 2010-11 school year.

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 1 nay (Knapp)

Mr. Day reviewed the PSBA Fiscal Evaluation Report which was presented at the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Shargots gave an update on the procedures which have been implemented for the audit action plan.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

10. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following substitute teachers:

- Rachel Reardon, Elementary Certification, effective April 20, 2010
- Mollie Smith, Elementary Certification, effective April 19, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. McWreath, to approve the following:

- Brian J. McDowell, as a substitute special service aide, effective May 21, 2010
- The resignation of Nicole Bockstoce as the 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach
- The resignation of Jackie Jones as 9th grade cheerleading sponsor
- The resignation of James Tucker as 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Mark Rendulic as an unpaid computer technician intern for a 10 week period, effective upon receipt of clearances

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Clutter to approve Frederick Ullom (policy 504.1 applies) as a substitute custodian.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

13. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the implementation of a survey for teachers, parents, students (grades 6-12), and staff of Trinity Area School District as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to contract with Keystone Educational Consulting Group for the 2010-11 school year. The cost is \$28,750.00 and will be paid with Title 2 funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

Mr. Clemens reported on the committee meeting which was held May 12, 2010.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

15. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to approve the second reading of policy 123.2 – Sponsorship and Evaluations of Athletic Programs

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to approve the second reading of policy 123.3 – Sportsmanship

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the second reading of policies 303.1, 404.1 and 504.1 – Nepotism

Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to table the approval of policies 303.1, 404.1 and 504.1 – Nepotism, until further review by the Policy Committee.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Salvatori, Clemens, Knapp); 4 nays (McWreath, Clutter, Day, Interval)

On a roll call vote, the original motion failed (per Board Policy 006): 4 ayes (Clutter, Day, Interval, McWreath); 3 nays (Salvatori, Clemens, Knapp)

18. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the second reading of policies 314, 414 and 514 – Physical Examination

Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

Mr. Knapp reported that twenty Trinity Area students received their certificates at the WACTC ceremony. The Board extended their congratulations to these students.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative

No report.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Day indicated that the next meeting will be held June 3, 2010, and a Finance Committee Meeting will be held June 8, 2010. He also reported that an executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. May 20, 2010 to discuss personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Ann Berton, South Strabane Township, commented on the Nepotism and Hiring policies.

Fred Ullom, North Franklin Township, commented on traffic at the high school during dismissal.

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, commented on the Nepotism and Hiring policies.

Jennifer Johnson, North Franklin Township, suggested a review of the Hiring policy.

19. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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