

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 15, 2009
Board Room – Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Samuel Puglisi followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas Bodnovich, Gerald Chambers, Henry Clemens (participated via telephone from 7:42 – 8:15 p.m.) , Jenifer Fetcko, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath, Jeffrey Miller (participated via telephone from 6:45 – until his arrival at 7:00 p.m.) and Samuel Puglisi

Absent: Yvonne Weaver, Assistant Superintendent

Others present: R. Tim Marks, Acting Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Michael Brungo, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko, to add the following items to the agenda:

- Amend the contract of Michael Stoehr, School Police Officer, changing his effective date of employment to November 13, 2009
- Employment of teachers Kathryn Karoleski, Reading Specialist and Alyssa Caripolti, Secondary Math
- Update on the Amwell Township Water Authority

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Judi Panasik, South Strabane Township, commented on the contract with Central Tax.

Students of the Month for September

Dr. Marks congratulated Evan Chambers, High School student, and Avery King, Middle School student for being selected as Students of the Month for September 2009.

He also reported that Trinity East students attended a simulcast in the high school auditorium put on by children's author Mo Willems, made possible by elementary librarian Jennifer Paluda. Dr. Marks commented on Jane Shamitko, high school physics teacher, attending a program sponsored by the Northrup Grumman Foundation called the Weightless Flights of Discovery.

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the following:

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bill Lists, Extracurricular Account, High School Activities Account and Middle School Activities Account - ENCLOSURES 4A, 4B, 4C, 4C-1 (payments to HHS DR and Newman Plumbing), 4E, 4F and 4G

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

3. Motion by Mrs. Fetcko, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the first reading of revised policy 008, Organization Chart – ENCLOSURE 5A

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keisling requested that the minutes reflect that the Board maintains the ability to contact the Business Manager for information without making a request via the Superintendent.

Dr. Marks reported on the current substitute rates – ENCLOSURE 5B

Business Manager's Report

4. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the General Fund Budgetary Transfers for the 2009 school year – ENCLOSURE 7A

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion to approve Amwell Township as Earned Income and Mercantile Tax and Delinquent Earned Income and Mercantile Tax collector for the calendar year 2010 and appointment Marjorie Day as Amwell Township Local Service Tax Collector for 2010 – ENCLOSURE 7B

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the contract with Central Tax – ENCLOSURE 7C

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to table the motion.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich); 5 nays (Chambers, Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi)

On a roll call vote, the original motion to approve the contract with Central Tax carried: 5 ayes (Fetcko, Knapp, Miller, Puglisi, Chambers); 3 nays (Keisling, McWreath, Bodnovich)

7. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Fetcko to approve the mandate waiver application and resolution to increase the bidding amount - ENCLOSURE 12A

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrators/Supervisors Reports

Paul Kuzman, Director of Facilities, presented options/plans for additional bleachers at the athletic stadium – ENCLOSURE 8A

Mr. Clemens joined the meeting via telephone at this point.

Solicitor's Report

None.

President's Report

Mr. Puglisi reported that an executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel, the hiring of professional personnel, litigation and labor grievances.

Mr. McWreath and Mr. Chambers reported on the Amwell Township Water Authority. Mr. McWreath asked for input from Mr. Brungo regarding the possible dissolution of the authority and outstanding debts of customers.

8. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Chambers to amend the agreement with ComDoc to approve the 60 month Document Management Agreement with the option for hardware only, not to include one full time ComDoc employee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clemens did not participate in the following action.

Personnel:

9. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following:

- A. Employments: Doris Miller, Lois Chisholm and Betty Kuhns, part-time cafeteria workers at the contractual rate of \$9.95 per hour, - effective October 16, 2009; Kathryn Karoleski, Reading Specialist and Alyssa Caripolti, Secondary Math teacher at the first step bachelor's salary of \$42,625, effective upon release from their respective districts -ENCLOSURES 11A

- B. Substitutes: Teachers - Katharine E. Wichterman, Laura Milinovich, Susan Crawford, Craig Uram, and Diana Becker – effective September 23, 2009; Heather Ellis - effective October 7, 2009; Carol Davis, clerical and special service aide, Tammy Conklin, special service aide - effective October 16, 2009
- C. Change of Status: employment of James Johnson, math teacher from first step bachelor’s salary of \$42, 625 to second step bachelor’s salary of \$42, 825 effective August 24, 2009
- D. Intern: Matthew Emph, Technology Department (non-compensated position) – effective October 5, 2009
- E. Leaves of Absence: Pam Daetwyler, elementary teacher, effective September 11, 2009 through October 23, 2009 – Family Medical Leave
- F. Amend the contract of Michael W. Stoehr, School Police Officer, changing his effective date of employment to November 13, 2009.

Motion carried: 7-1 (Bodnovich)

- 10. Motion by Mr. Knapp seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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