

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
January 20, 2011
Trinity High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by President, Sandra Clutter, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

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

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver recognized the November Students of the Month: Michael Fahy – High School and Gigi Veltri - Middle School.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

- Ed Dalton, North Franklin Township, thanked the community for their support and noted the support of Dr. Kasunich and Mr. Jones during the course of the football season.
- Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, discussed the Board's actions regarding the Athletic Department.
- Ed Martin, Canton Township, spoke in support of Mr. Dalton.
- Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township, questioned the necessity of opening the Head Varsity Football Coaching position.
- Dan Piatt, South Strabane Township, cited his concerns over the adoption of revised policy 903 and the opening of the Head Football Coaching position.
- Patti Ann Berton, South Strabane Township, commented on how Board meetings are conducted.
- Carl Fritz, Canton Township, spoke in support of Mr. Dalton.
- Mrs. Clutter noted that item 5.3 regarding the Head Varsity Football Coaching position on the agenda would include the position of Weightlifting Coach.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the Treasurer’s Report for November, 2010 (Enclosure 4.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the following:
 - o Approval is recommended for the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted (Enclosure 4.3)
 - o Approval is recommended for the 2011-12 Budget Resolution, as submitted (Enclosure 4.5)
 - o Approval is recommended for the 2009-10 Reserves, including PSERS in the amount of \$175,000, as submitted (Enclosure 4.6)
 - o Approval is recommended for the Intermediate Unit Classroom Rental lease Agreement for 2010-11 as submitted (Enclosure 4.7)
 - o Approval is recommended for the Mercantile Tax Audit Reports for Canton, North Franklin, and South Strabane Townships for the year 2009 as prepared by J.H. Williams and Company, CPA’s as submitted (Enclosure 4.8)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich, to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$434,946.93 (Enclosure 4.2)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Salvatori, Bodnovich, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling); 3 nays (Clemens, Knapp, McWreath)

4. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted (Enclosures 4.4)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Salvatori); 2 nays (Knapp, McWreath)

5. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve payment to Canon Sports in the amount of \$1,675.90

Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to table the motion.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Clemens, Clutter, Interval); 6 nays (Day, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori, Bodnovich)

The original motion to approve payment to Canon Sports carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Interval)

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following:

- An unpaid medical leave effective January 13, 2011 for employee B.M. not to exceed one year
- The resignation of Sandra Briggs, Clerical Aide, for retirement purposes effective February 7, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Day to authorize the Superintendent to notify Ed Dalton that he will not be the Head Football Coach or the Weightlifting Coach for the 2011-2012 school year and further authorize the Superintendent to post and advertise the positions.

Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to table the motion.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 4 ayes (Keisling, Knapp, Salvatori, Clemens); 5 nays (Clutter, Day, Interval, McWreath, Bodnovich)

On a roll call vote, the original motion carried: 5 ayes (Day, Interval, McWreath, Bodnovich, Clutter); 4 nays (Keisling, Knapp, Salvatori, Clemens)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

No report.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

8. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the Lease Agreement for Laboratory Elementary School between the Intermediate Unit and Trinity Area School District (Enclosure 7.1)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Interval, Keisling, Knapp, Salvatori, Clemens, Clutter, Day); 2 nays (McWreath, Bodnovich)

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

The first reading of revised policy 903-Public Participation in Board Meetings, was approved (Enclosure 8.1)

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

No report.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day and Colleen Interval, Representatives

Mrs. Interval commented on the number of representatives from the School District that should serve on the LERTA Board. Mr. Makel noted that he had reviewed the agreement and indicated any changes to the agreement would require approval among the authorities at public meetings.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Clutter reported the Education Committee will meet January 26, 2011, 10 a.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall); the Transportation Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet January 26, 2011, 10 a.m. (Conference Room, HS Office); and the Board of Education will meet February 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Also, an executive session was held this evening at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to adjourn to an executive session for personnel items, with no action to follow.

Motion carried.

10. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
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