

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
June 23, 2011
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Sandra Clutter, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Henry Clemens (participated via telephone from 6:30 – 7:11 p.m.), Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Ronald Harton, 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.

1. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the minutes of the May 5 and 26, 2011 meetings

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Harton to add items 5.13, amendment to the Superintendent's contract regarding unused vacation days and 5.14, to authorize the suspension of 13 professional and 8 nonprofessional employees.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver congratulated the following employees on their retirement during the 2010-2011 school year:

Susan Bender – Learning Support, Trinity High School
Margaret Bugaile – Guidance Counselor, Trinity East and North
Dara Lemmon – Learning Support, Trinity High School
Joyce Lewis – First Grade, Trinity North
Elaine Mahland – Learning Support, Trinity West
Marcia Montgomery – Instrumental Band, Elementary Schools
Sandra Welsh – Technology Education, Trinity West and South
Karen Bailey – Clerical Aide, Trinity High School
Robert Bakaitis – Maintenance Department
Irene Batove – Secretary, Technology Office
Sandra Briggs – Clerical Aide, Middle School
Ralph McVeigh – Van Driver
Bonnie Patress – Cafeteria, Trinity North
Lisa Phillips – Secretary, Special Education Office
Joann Whitehead – Cafeteria, Trinity North

Mr. McWreath congratulated Mrs. Weaver on behalf of the Board on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her dedication to the students and the district over the last 34 years.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, commented on proposed budget cuts.

Diane Ecker, South Strabane Township, commented on possible solutions to budget constraints.

Kerri McIlvaine, South Strabane Township, commended Mrs. Weaver for her service to the district. She also commented on a proposal presented by the teachers' union to the Board.

John Husk, South Strabane Township and Industrial Technology Teacher, commented on a grant available to IT students.

Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township, reiterated her agreement regarding previous comments made regarding the adoption of the budget. She also noted her gratitude to Mrs. Weaver for service to the students and the district.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

3. Motion by Mrs. Interval seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Treasurer's Report for April
Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve payment of the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$324, 578.38 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$93,168.64

Motion carried: 8 ayes, 1 nay (McWreath)

- 5. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Motion by Mr Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Account and Extracurricular Account as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to award IU bids as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve the Leader Software Agreement (IEP Writer).

Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Motion by Mr. Knapp to postpone the adoption of the General Fund Budget for 2011-2012 school year and the Homestead Exclusion Resolution and to reconvene the voting meeting on June 29, 2011 for the purpose of adopting the budget

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

Mr. Clemens did not participate in the following items:

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to table the approval of renewing the General Liability, Errors and Omissions, Workers Compensation and School Police Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to authorize the Business Manager to make the necessary budget transfers following the June 30, 2011 closing and provide a list of those transfers at a subsequent meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve a one year extension to the facilities agreement between the Community College of Allegheny County and Trinity Area School District. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the PEL Licensing Agreement. On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Clutter, Harton, Interval, Keisling Salvatori) 3 nays (Day, Knapp, McWreath)

14. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve the Eric Ryan Agreement Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve to discontinue the use of credit cards for payment of Real Estate taxes, effective July 1, 2011 Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve payment to J.B. Mechanical for services related to HVAC at Trinity Hall in the amount of \$64,842 Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

Tenure was granted to the following teachers at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year: Jeff O’Dette, Josh Baringer, Erica Hughes, Melissa Opalanko, Jennifer Carioli, Amber Muschik, Michele Orchowski, Jennifer Paluda, Karen Drexler, Melinda McClintock Biagini, Stephanie Miller Domachowski, Haden Watson, Lidsay Fittro, Julie McGarrity, Jennifer Yim, Kelly Plovic, Melissa Santoro, Pamela Daetwyler, Emily Pitzer, Abby Tarr and Jessica Wachter.

17. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to approve Benadette Santspre as a substitute custodian effective June 24, 2011 Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. McWreath, to approve the following:

- Sandra Mader as a substitute custodian, effective June 24, 2011
- Heidi Filer as a substitute special service aide, effective June 24, 2011

- Marcia McKay as a substitute special service aide, effective June 24, 2011
- A Family Medical Leave on an intermittent basis for employee L.E. effective August 23, 2011, not to exceed one year.
- The resignation for retirement purposes of Karen Bailey, clerical aide, effective June 20, 2011
- The resignation of Denise G. McDaniel as a special service aide, effective June 30, 2011
- The resignation of Ian McConnell as the Head Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach, effective June 16, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to accept with regret the resignation for retirement purposes of Yvonne Beverina Weaver, as the Assistant Superintendent, effective September 26, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to table the approval of proposed salary adjustments for Act 93 employees and the Superintendent.

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded Mrs. Interval, to approve to amend the Superintendent's contract Article VI so as to reflect that any unused vacation days allocated to the Superintendent during a full year of employment shall be converted to sick days.

Motion by Mr. Keisling to table the recommendation to amend the Superintendent's contract.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

On a roll call vote, the original motion carried: 7 ayes (Day, Harton, Interval, Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori, Clutter; 1 nay (Keisling)

22. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to table the suspension of 13 professional and 8 nonprofessional employees.

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

23. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the contract with the Western Pennsylvanian Educational Leadership initiative for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost not to exceed \$12,500

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Keisling)

24. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Harton to approved the contract with Keystone Educational Consulting Group for the 2011-2012 school year. The contract is not to exceed \$33,000

Motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Harton, to approve the contract with Keystone Educational Consulting Group to perform a special education audit, the contract is not to exceed \$12,000
Motion carried unanimously.

26. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to approve to contract with Seneca Valley School District, including modifications, in order to provide cyber services for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of \$15,116.28
Motion carried unanimously.

27. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approved the amended 2011-2012 school calendar as amended
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Harton, Interval, Knapp, Salvatori, Clutter); 3 nays (Keisling, McWreath, Day)

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

28. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the agreement with Tobey Karg Services for HVAC unit maintenance
Motion carried unanimously.

29. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the agreement with Orkin Pest Control
Motion carried unanimously.

30. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Knapp to approve the Simplex Grinnell Fire Alarm Agreement
Motion carried unanimously.

31. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Schindler Elevator maintenance agreement
Motion carried unanimously.

32. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve the B & R Pools water testing agreement
Motion carried unanimously

33. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve an increase in student parking fees from \$15 to \$30 per year
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Keisling, McWreath, Clutter, Day, Harton); 3 nays (Interval, Knapp, Salvatori)

34. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to contract with Education Logistics, Inc. for a transportation software program.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

The first reading of revised policies 314, 414 and 514 – Physical Examinations was accepted.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

No report

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

No report

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tina Hilk, Representative

No Report

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Clutter reported that the following committee meetings are scheduled:

Transportation, Building & Grounds – June 29 at 10 a.m.; Finance- July 7 at 4 p.m.; Policy – July 7 at 5 p.m., Education – July 27 at 10 a.m.

She also noted that an executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. for personnel purposes.

35. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. McWreath to continue the meeting on June 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Motion carried unanimously.

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