

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Voting Meeting  
March 17, 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: Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Ronald Harton, Colleen Interval, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Henry Clemens

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.

Mrs. Clutter addressed the audience regarding proposed cuts to funding for the 2011-12 school year. She noted that Trinity Area School District would receive approximately \$2 million less in State funding and that the Board had no intention of raising taxes. She noted that budget cuts would need to be made, but that the Board is committed to providing a quality education for the students.

1. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the minutes of February 3 and February 17, 2011 meetings

Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Mrs. Weaver recognized the Students of the Month for February: Austin Plunkett, Middle School and Brianna Hollick, High School, and Benjamin Jagger, High School Student of the Month for January.

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Chris Chambers, South Strabane Township, addressed the Board regarding the topic of health insurance. Mr. Chambers noted that he was a district resident as well as a local insurance man and that he had been consulting with the Board on the topic. He encouraged the Board to continue to participate in the Intermediate Unit 1 Health Insurance Consortium.

Debbie Dye, Amwell Township, asked the Board to reconsider a change made to a bus route in the township.

Jodi Van Varenburg, Amwell Township, noted her concern over a bus route issue in Amwell Township.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson**

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January, 2011 as revised. (Enclosure 4.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$382,911.03 (Enclosure 4.2)

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

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted. (Enclosure 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted. (Enclosures 4.4)

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to close out the Debt Service Fund and transfer balance to the General Fund (auditor recommendation). (The balance as of 1/31/11 was \$15,409.79)

Motion carried unanimously.

The following items failed for lack of a motion and second:

\*4.6 Approval is recommended for the Trinity Area School District to withdraw from the Intermediate Unit 1 Health Insurance Consortium Trust by giving written notice to the Trustee and all other member school districts of IU 1 by March 31, 2011 to be effectively withdrawn June 30, 2011

\*4.7 Approval is recommended for the Trinity Area School District to enter into the agreement with the Caputo Insurance Agency for its proposed Self-Insured Plan, which is compliant with our Collective Bargaining Agreements, for an effective date of July 1, 2011, and all necessary agreements for each component of the Self-Insured Plan

**PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson**

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

- A Family Medical Leave for employee C.S. effective approximately May 4, 2011 not to exceed twelve weeks.
- A Family Medical Leave for employee A.B. effective approximately March 22, 2011 not to exceed twelve weeks.

- Employment of Dawn Whirlow as a clerical, cafeteria and special service aide substitute, effective March 20, 2011
- Employment of Lisa Waters as a part-time cafeteria employee, effective March 18, 2011

7. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to grant tenure status to Jennifer Sylves.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (McWreath)

8. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to grant tenure status to Erin Georgalas

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (McWreath, Harton)

9. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath for the Graduate Athletic Training Internship Agreement with California University of Pennsylvania

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson**

10. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of the Agreement with the Intermediate Unit 1 Washington County Alternative School Consortium (Enclosure 6.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Interval to adopt the School Calendar for the 2011-2012 year as submitted, as revised. (Enclosure 6.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keisling commented on Physical Education classes and Physical Fitness Awards at the Middle School.

#### **TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson**

No Report.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson**

12. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to add the Trinity South Baseball Boosters to the list of Approved Groups as per Administrative Regulation 707-4

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative**

No report.

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

Mrs. Interval indicated that the District was waiting for information from North Franklin Township.

**CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative**

**No report.**

**PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative**

Mr. Day noted that meeting would be held concerning the Governor's budget at the I.U., in Harrisburg and with local legislators, and that he would attempt to attend.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mrs. Clutter reported that the following meetings are scheduled:

- Education – March 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Finance – April 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Policy – April 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Board of Education – April 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.(High School Auditorium)
  
- An executive session was held this evening, Thursday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel purposes.

Mr. Day noted the addition of a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 22.

13. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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