

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
November 18, 2010
Board Room, Trinity Hall

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

Board members present: Thomas A. Bodnovich, Sandra Clutter, Henry Clemens, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, Jack 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.

Mr. Bodnovich discussed issues and programs that had been accomplished by the Board over the past year. Tom Breth, Esq., Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham L.L.P., gave an update on negotiations between the District and TASAESP bargaining unit.

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver recognized the following students as “Students of the Month”:

- *Joshua Valentic* – High School, September
- *Jessie Huff* – High School, October
- *Morgan Adams* – Middle School, October

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dwight Pees, Amwell Township, discussed transportation issues.

Tiffany Vogel, North Franklin Township, commented on kindergarten class size at Trinity West.

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, commented on the elimination of non-academic courses.

Patti Ann Trusler, South Strabane Township, commented how the enrollment number is determined when considering options for class size in kindergarten and reduction of course selections at the high school.

Leah Billie, South Strabane Township, discussed the Athletic Director’s role in helping Seniors in the recruiting process and other issues related to the Athletic Department.

1. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to add the following items to the agenda:

- Payment to Grainger in the amount of \$733.50; to Canon Sports, Inc. in the amount of \$1,675.90; and to Century Sports, Inc. in the amount of \$323.85
- Payment of Cafeteria bills

- Approval is recommended to employ Patrick Baughman as an Assistant High School Principal at a salary of \$73,000, prorated for the 2010-11 school year, effective upon release from his current employer
- Approval is recommended to employ _____ as Food Service Director.
- Approval is recommended to contract with _____ to provide food service management.
- Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of James Tucker as the 7th grade Head Boys Basketball Coach
- Approval is recommended to eliminate non-academic courses at the high school with fewer than 15 students
- Approval is recommended for a contract with Gerald Main for student transportation to Western PA School for the Deaf in the amount of \$97/trip and to Western PA School for the Blind in the amount of \$70/trip
- Approval is recommended for the first reading of revised Policy 122-Extracurricular Activities

On a roll call vote, motion carried:

7 ayes (Keisling, Knapp, Salvatori, Bodnovich, Clutter, Day, Interval); 2 nays: (McWreath, Clemens)

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

2. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Treasurer's Report for September, 2010, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$536,406.52 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$7,852.75 and payment to Grainger in the amount of \$733.50; to Canon Sports, Inc. in the amount of \$1,675.90; and to Century Sports, Inc. in the amount of \$323.85

Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to amend the motion to exclude the payment to Canon Sports, Inc.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes: (Knapp, Salvatori, Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling); 1 nay: (McWreath)

4. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports and payment of Cafeteria bills as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve audit reports submitted by Schneider Downs, CPA's for Canton, North Franklin and South Strabane townships.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve General Fund budgetary transfers for the 2009-10 school year.

On a roll call vote, motion carried:

6 ayes (Salvatori, Clutter, Day, Interval, Keisling, Knapp); 3 nays: (McWreath, Bodnovich, Clemens)

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

7. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to bring the recommendation to employ Patrick Baughman as an Assistant High School Principal, back to the table.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Salvatori, Bodnovich, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Interval, Knapp, McWreath); 1 nay: Keisling

8. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to employ Patrick Baughman as an Assistant High School Principal, at a salary of \$73,000, prorated for the 2010-11 school year, effective upon release from his current employer.

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

9. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the employment of Nicolle Bazant Pleil as Food Service Director, effective December 7, 2010 at a salary of \$1200 per week, not to include health benefits, pending receipt of required clearances and signed contract.

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

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to accept the resignation of James Tucker as the 7th grade Head Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

11. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve implementation of OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program for 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the elimination of non-academic courses at the high school with fewer than 15 students.

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Day)

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

Mr. Clemens indicated that the committee was waiting for further information regarding the sale of a 1997 GMC school district van.

Dr. Kasunich noted that the update on Trinity South building structure would be presented at a future meeting.

13. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve a contract with Gerald Main for student transportation to Western PA School for the Deaf in the amount of \$97/trip and to Western PA School for the Blind in the amount of \$70/trip.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

The first reading of revised Policy 122-Extracurricular Activities was approved.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

Mr. Knapp reported that he, Mr. Day, Mr. Snoke and Mr. Husk had visited WACTC in order to compare courses offered by the district and the school in an effort to ensure that they are not duplicated. He noted that Trinity students would have the option of attending vo-tech in the morning or afternoon next year.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative

No report.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

Mrs. Salvatori noted that free parking would be available January 1. She also indicated that her term would expire on the Library Board December 31 and requested other members consider serving.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Bodnovich announced the following:

- Executive sessions were held Thursday, November 11, 2010 and this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items
- The reorganizational meeting of the Board will be held December 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting immediately following.
- The Transportation, Building & Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for November 24 has been rescheduled for December 8 at 10 a.m.

14. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

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