

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 21, 2010
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Vice President, John Keisling, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, Jack Keisling, Tamara Salvatori and Dennis McWreath

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

Absent: Thomas A. Bodnovich, President; Henry Clemens and James Knapp (participated via telephone from 7 – 7:45 p.m.)

1. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to request the solicitor to correspond with the Department of Transportation regarding Bass Pro Shop's obligation to locate in South Strabane Township.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keisling commented on the state of the retirement system, overcrowding in two of the elementary schools and the full day kindergarten program.

2. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the Minutes from September 2 as revised, and September 16, 2010 meetings

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver recognized Forrest Cullings as the Middle School Student of the Month for September.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Carolyn Shoup, representing the Release Time Bible program, commented on the District's procedure for distributing material to students.

Cindy Shaw, North Franklin Township, commented on the use of Nutrition Group as the District's food service and the advertisement for a Food Service Director.

Kerri McIlvaine, South Strabane Township, discussed the food service and discrepancies in pricing

Sherry Rohrbacher, South Strabane Township, commented on the RFP process used regarding the hiring of a food service company.

Leah Billie, South Strabane Township, questioned the process for obtaining information regarding the District's legal fees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

3. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Treasurer’s Report for August, 2010, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$5,625,321.06 and payments from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$136,978.60

Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Day to amend the motion to exclude the payment to Grainger for a portable air conditioner at the high school and to WEWJA until a revised bill is submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Digon, Director of Technology, addressed the Board regarding broadcast options for board meetings. He indicated that a committee had been organized to research the options and that the committee is in the process of visiting local school districts who broadcast their board meetings. He noted that in order to broadcast the meeting via cable television, language must be included in the contract between the cable company and the township. He indicated that the contract between South Strabane and Comcast was due and that he had been in contact with the township regarding the possibility of including that language.

7. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to authorize the administration to submit a letter to South Strabane Township requesting that language be included in their contract with Comcast that would establish a local access channel.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Knapp participated in the following vote via telephone.

8. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the contract with Nutrition Group for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year

Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to table the motion to approve the contract with Nutrition Group.

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

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

9. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to approve Tim Sloane as Head Varsity Boys Swim Coach, effective October 22, 2010 at a salary of \$5000 (max)

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

10. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to approve Brenda Kovacicek as Head Varsity Girls Swim Coach, effective October 22, 2010 at a salary of \$3000 (year 4)

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter seconded by Mr. Interval to approve Lane Stoner as Head Varsity Boys Tennis Coach effective October 22, 2010 at a salary of \$4500 (max)

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

12. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve Amber Muschick as CoEd Varsity Assistant Swim Coach effective October 22, 2010 at a salary of \$1500 (year 2)

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Interval to table the following action:

- Approval of Melinda Beck as a casual day to day substitute effective October 25, 2010
- Approval of Corbi Coffield as a casual day to day substitute effective October 25, 2010
- Approval of Susan Crawford as a casual day to day substitute effective October 25, 2010
- Approval of Karisa Willard as a casual day to day substitute effective October 25, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the employment of Ashley Cesaretto as a music teacher at the 1st step bachelor's contractual rate of \$44,625, prorated for the 2010-11 school year, effective upon release from her current employer

Motion by Mr. Keisling to table the motion to employ Ashley Cesaretto as a music teacher.

Motion failed for lack of a second

The original motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nay (Keisling)

15. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the employment of 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.

Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to table the employment of Patrick Baughman as an Assistant High School Principal.

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

On a roll call vote, the original motion to employ Mr. Baughman failed: 3 ayes (Salvatori, Clutter, Day); 3 nays (Interval, Keisling, McWreath)

16. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. McWreath to approve a Family Medical Leave for employee B.B. effective October 13, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve an unpaid leave for employee C.B. effective October 8 through 15, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve an unpaid leave for employee J.B. effective October 1 through 11, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

Heather Watson and Mary Jo Podgurski presented an overview of OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program. They noted the benefits of implementing the program in grades kindergarten through ten.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

19. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day, to approve a 5 year lease agreement (Laboratory School) between Trinity Area School District and I.U. 1

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

20. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the second reading of policy 008- Organization Chart

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the list of Approved Groups, as revised.

Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the first reading of revised policy 123.1 – Hiring of Athletic Coaches/ Directors/Supervisors

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

No report.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative

Mr. Day indicated that a hearing was scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010 regarding the status of the School Board’s representation on the LERTA Board.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

Mrs. Salvatori reported that free parking is now available for patrons of the library.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Keisling reported the following:

Executive sessions were held on October 11 and October 20, 2010 to discuss personnel items
An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items
The next regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday November 4, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.
Committee meetings have been scheduled as follows:

- Transportation, Building & Grounds: October 27, November 24 – 10:00 a.m.
- Policy: November 1 – 10:00 a.m.
- Education: November 16 – 10:00 a.m.
- Finance: November 9 – 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Board Room, Trinity Hall

23. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Interval to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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