

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning/Voting Meeting
July 21, 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 Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Ronald Harton, Colleen Interval (participated via telephone), John Keisling (participated via telephone), 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. Knapp seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the minutes of the June 2, June 23 and June 29, 2011 meetings

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver congratulated students Mikayla DeMarino and Lauren Gabriel who placed first in the state and eleventh overall out of 1490 teams in the Stock Market Game held in late spring.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

2. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to extend the time limitation for public comment to at least 45 minutes.

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

Tamara Salvatori, South Strabane Township, discussed functions of the Board and distributed information from PSBA regarding responsibilities of school boards. She expressed concern regarding the focus of the board.

Ed Dalton, North Franklin Township, discussed the value of the athletic program and the elimination of coaches.

Jamie Maleski, Canton Township, commented on the proposed pay-to-play policy and the elimination of coaches.

Tammy Aloia, North Franklin Township, discussed the elimination of coaches as well as funds and transportation for club sports.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, discussed board procedures and responsibilities and the pursuit of a quality education for all students.

Penny Caleffe, Canton Township, commented on the lack of attention to details when decisions are made by the board.

Gail Cruny, North Franklin Township, questioned the board's consideration of revenue generated by sports and the number of students who participate in sports programs when developing the budget.

Barbara Barnhart, Amwell Township, commented on the proposed pay-to-play policy and its' impact on seniors who may be eligible for scholarships and not able afford the expense.

Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township, thanked Mrs. Salvatori for her comments and noted the conduct of board members.

Meryl Gabriel, South Strabane Township, commented on cuts to the athletic budget and expressed safety concerns regarding proper equipment for student athletes.

Kerri McIlvaine, South Strabane Township, questioned the current fund balance and balance of the Capital Improvement fund. She also discussed the budget which was passed by the board.

Glenn Davis, North Franklin Township, commented on sports equipment no longer being provided by the district.

Karen Zapos, North Franklin Township, questioned cuts to the athletic budget.

Rich Carlson, North Franklin Township, commented on club sports.

Eileen Sivve, South Strabane Township, discussed the possible elimination of ninth grade sports.

Adam Henderson, Canton Township, commented on the alumni football game recently held at Washington High School's stadium.

Brenda Williamson, South Strabane Township, discussed class size at Trinity North due to the redistricting of students from Trinity West.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Treasurer's Report for May. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. McWreath, to approve payment of the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,036,479.67 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$56,673.96.

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

5. Motion by Mr. Keisling seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Account and Extracurricular Account as submitted.

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

6. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to amend the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget to include the Accountability Grant subsidy in the amount of \$208,246 and to approve the administration to file grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Coca Cola Refreshments USA, Inc. contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

The approval of salary adjustments for Act 93 administrators and the superintendent was tabled.

8. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve salary adjustments for the Per Capita Tax Collectors was approved as submitted.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Knapp, Salvatori, Day, Harton, Interval); 3 nays (McWreath, Clemens, Clutter); 1 abstention (Keisling)

9. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Ervin Gosto as a JV Boys Soccer volunteer coach, pending receipt of Acts 151 and 114 clearances.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the resignation of Jeffrey O’Dette, high school social studies teacher, effective August 22, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the resignations of the following employees:

- Andrea Bigley, Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective June 29, 2011
- Scott Mezyk, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective May 12, 2011
- Briane Agostinelli, Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, effective June 30, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to table the approval of resignations of the following employees:

- Aaron Morris, Ninth Grade Head Football Coach
- Jim Johnson, Ninth Grade Assistant Football Coach

- Craig Gnagey, Ninth Grade Second Assistant Football Coach
- Erik Presto, Eighth Grade Second Assistant Football Coach

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve a Family Medical Leave for employee M.M. effective approximately August 31, 2011, not to exceed twelve weeks.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to employ Donald E. McWreath, Jr., as a van driver, effective July 25, 2011.

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 abstention (McWreath)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

Dr. Kasunich extended appreciation to the Highmark Foundation for providing Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge grants to Trinity's elementary schools in the amount of \$9,594 each to fund the Cardio, Skill, and Overall Fitness Development programs and to the middle school in the amount of \$8,560 to fund the School Step to Get Fit Program. He also noted that the Washington County Community Foundation had awarded a \$16,200 grant to the district to be used to fund the Accelerated Reader Program. The grant was made possible by Consol Energy.

15. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the proposal by the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh to provide a before and after school child care program for the Trinity Area School District, with revisions.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the utilization of Accountability Block Grant funding (\$208,000). It was indicated that the topic would be discussed further at the upcoming Education Committee meeting. Also discussed was the proposed student participation fee.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

16. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the agreement with Morris Knowles and Associates for structural inspection of services at Trinity South Elementary.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the contract for waste removal with Allied Waste.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to reject wastewater bids and continue the current agreement with H & H Water on a month to month basis in the amount of \$995.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Harton to amend the motion and to continue the current agreement with H & H Water on a month to month basis.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Clutter informed the board that the lower parking lot at the high school, known as “the pit”, would no longer be utilized and that the 80 parking spaces would be accommodated in the upper high school lot.

19. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Day to allocate \$15,000 for Phase I of the rifle range renovation.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to table the allocation of funds for the rifle range pending further information.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

20. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the second reading of policies 314, 414 and 514 – Physical Examinations.

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to accept the first reading of revisions to policy 620 – Fund Balance.

Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to table waiving policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Day reported that the PSBA conference would be held October 18.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

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

Education – July 27 at 10 a.m.; Transportation, Building & Grounds – July 27 at 10 a.m.; Finance- August 9 at 4 p.m.; Policy – August 9 at 5 p.m.

She also noted that an executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. for personnel purposes.

23. Motion by Mr. Day seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
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