

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
November 17, 2011
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 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, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori (participated via telephone).

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent, Michael P. Lucas, 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 add an item to the agenda to terminate the contract with attorney Thomas Breth.

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

2. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the minutes of the October 6 and 20 meetings

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Lucas recognized Mariah Gnegy, high school, and Lauren McGavitt, middle school, as students of the month for October.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Bill Spencer, Canton Township, spoke opposing the opening of coaching positions, and in particular in support of Mr. Dalton.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, discussed the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance, responsibilities of the school board and policy 122.

Michael Sherrieb, South Strabane Township, addressed the board in support of Coach Dalton.

Karen Zapos, North Franklin Township, commented on the possible opening of the head football coaching position and the athletic director.

Don Howard, North Franklin Township, spoke in support of keeping Mr. Dalton as the Head Varsity Football Coach.

Pattiann Berton, South Strabane Township, questioned the board as to how to obtain information.

Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township, commented on the opening of coaching positions with regard to making the school district high performing.

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, commented on the reasons for the opening of the coaching positions

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

3. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Treasurer’s Report for September, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$422,747.86 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$49,736.32 and from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$387.10

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Middle School and High School Activities Accounts and the Extra Curricular Account

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Metz Food Service as exclusive provider of food services for any functions at Trinity Area School District facilities

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

7. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the following professional substitutes, effective November 18, 2011: Teachers – Amanda Greene; Nicole Van Horne; Michael Bunch. Nurse – Christy Frazier and Guidance Counselor – Lauren Frey

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the following non-substitutes, effective November 18: Clerical/special service aides – Stacey Randall-Pegram; Carol Markle and Sandra Scully. Food Service – Frances Partozoti, Cindy Davis and Stacy Koot

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Harton, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve family medical leaves, not to exceed twelve weeks, as follows: M.A., effective approximately December 21, 2011, followed by a child rearing leave through the last day of school; J.C. effective approximately January 21, 2012; N.W. effective approximately February 3, 2012

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Brenda Kovacicek as Head Varsity Boys Swim Coach effective November 18, 2011 at a salary of \$3500 (Year 5).

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to employ Cindy Bright as a food service worker, effective November 18, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve Michael Koroly as the 7th grade Boys Basketball Coach, at a salary of \$4,500, effective November 11, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Knapp to table items 5.7 – opening of the varsity football head coaching position; item 5.8 – opening of the varsity girls volleyball head coaching position and 5.9 – opening of the varsity girls softball head coaching position.

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

Dr. Kasunich reviewed the 2011-2012 Operational Plan.

Dr. Lucas, updated the Board regarding the use of PSSA Coach Books and discussed reading support in the elementary schools.

14. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to add to the agenda the employment of a Reading Specialist at Trinity East elementary to accommodate students K-3, using the same criteria as in the other three elementary buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton, to employ a Reading Specialist at Trinity East to accommodate students K-3 using the same criteria as in other buildings, with the understanding that the necessary steps will be taken to include support for third grade students in the other three elementary schools.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to add to the agenda the approval of the use of PSSA Coach Books in grades 3,4,and 5.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Harton the approval of the use of PSSA Coach Books in grades 3,4 and 5.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to amend the previous motion to include grade 11.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

18. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to allow the safes from the rifle range at the middle school to be sold for scrap.

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Mr. Harton, seconded by Mr. Day to authorize Trane to conduct a detailed energy audit of Trinity Middle School.
Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

20. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve revisions to policies 608 – Bank Accounts; 611 – Purchases Budgeted; and 706.1 – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Property
Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Day to approve new policy 611.1 – Property Donated by Booster Organizations
Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, it was decided that policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities, should be reviewed further by the administration.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

Mr. Knapp reported that 85 students are enrolled at WACTC this year. Previous years' enrollments were 79 in 2010 and 72 in 2009.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day and Henry Clemens, Representatives

Mr. Clemens indicated that the property on the walking trail was moving forward with the addition of seating and a rail fence.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tina Hilk, Representative

No Report

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A meeting of the Transportation, Building and Grounds Committee is scheduled for November 30 at 10 in the Board Room. The reorganization meeting of the board will be held December 8 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting.

22. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
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