

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
October 20, 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, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

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.

Mr. McWreath indicated that he will discuss Board organization at next month's meeting.

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the minutes of the September 1 and 15, 2011 meetings. (Item 1.6)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lucas recognized High School student Olivia Hrutkay, and Middle School student Madison Rush, as Students of the Month for September.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

John Plants, Amwell Township, questioned the Board policy concerning the policy regarding eligibility participation with regard to the marching band.

Leslie Alexas, North Franklin Township, discussed the North Franklin Business & Recreation Authority's recent action regarding a loan for the purchase of roads and the possible liability of the district.

1. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to authorize the Solicitor to send a Right-To-Know request to the Solicitor and the Secretary for the North Franklin Township Business and Recreation Authority for the following information:
 1. Minutes for 2009-2011;
 2. Agendas for 2009-2011;
 3. Copies of audits for 2009-2011;
 4. Copies of budgets for 2009-2011;
 5. Copies of all documents concerning the loan of 2.1/2.6 million dollars;
 6. Copies of all documents concerning any studies and/or contracts involving the subject of said loan;
 7. Any documents sustaining the right of the authority to incur debt without the approval of the municipality, county and school district;
 8. Copy of the master plan of the authority.

And to take any necessary action regarding the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as submitted (Item 4.1).

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$5,679,258.97; from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$11,279.98 and from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$2,536.13 (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling, to approve the Middle School and High School Activities Accounts and the Extra Curricular Account as submitted (Item 4.4).

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to approve the agreement with Hess Corporation for natural gas through the Western PA Consortium, as submitted (Item 4.5).

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Earned Income Tax Resolution as submitted (Item 4.6).

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

8. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the following substitute teachers, effective October 21, 2011 (Item 5.1):

Dennis J. Sammel – Health & Physical Education; Kimberly Lapp – Elementary Education; Nicole Bellis – Elementary; Jessica Greene – Elementary; Madelyne Morrell – Elementary; Erin Baxter – Elementary/Reading Specialist/Middle Level English; Susan Stark – Social Studies; Brandi Kohne – Social Studies; Noah Lambert – Social Studies; Jennifer Berdine – Social Studies

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve to increase the salaries of the substitute caller, crossing guards and cafeteria monitors by 2% (Item 5.2)

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

10. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve family medical leaves for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks (Item 5.3):

- E.P, effective approximately October 30, 2011
- A.H., effective approximately November 11, 2011
- L.H., effective October 12, 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to employ Heidi Bury as a Cafeteria Monitor, effective October 17, 2011 at \$9.39 per hour (Item 5.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to enter into an agreement with the North Franklin Police Department to provide police protection for the school district.

Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to table the approval of an agreement between the North Franklin Police Department and the school district, for further review by the solicitor. (Item 5.5)
On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

Dr. Kasunich reviewed the Safe Schools Report for 2010-2011 (Item 6.1).

Dr. Lucas reviewed an improvement plan which will focus on PSSA results at the high school (Item 6.2).

13. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve an agreement with Student A for special needs. (Item 6.3).

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 abstention (Keisling)

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

14. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Harton, to approve the submission of Requests for Proposals from interested Energy Service Companies to prepare and submit proposals for a guaranteed energy savings contract (Item 7.1).

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

15. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter, to approve the list of Recognized Groups as per Administrative Regulation 707-4.

Discussion was held regarding eliminating those organizations who have not submitted their financial reports and names of officers from the list. It was decided that the list would be approved, with the understanding that those organizations who have not complied with the requirements will be eliminated from the list until the information is received.

16. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to end discussion regarding the lack of information from certain organizations.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the list of Recognized Groups as per Administrative Regulation 707-4 carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Knapp)

The first reading of revisions to policies 608 - Bank Accounts; 611- Purchases Budgeted and 706.1 – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Property were submitted.

The first reading of new policy 611.1 – Property Donated by Booster Organizations was submitted.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative
None.

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

Mr. Clemens updated the board on actions taken by the Authority as well as further discussion on the loan acquired by the Authority to purchase roads.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tina Hilk, Representative
No Report

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative
No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Clutter reported on upcoming committee meetings and announced that an executive session had been held this evening at 5:30 for personnel purposes.

17. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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