

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
March 21, 2013
High School Auditorium

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

Board members present: Penny Caleffe; Henry Clemens (arrived 6:40 p.m.) Sandra Clutter; Scott Day; Jenene Hupp; Colleen Interval; Jennifer Morgan; and Tamara Salvatori

Absent: Shawn Mulac

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent; Michael P. Lucas, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Chris Furman, Solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Mr. Day announced that item 5.7, the contract for the Director of Athletics/Activities, would be removed from the agenda and that a special meeting would reconvene at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013 in the high school auditorium to address that item.

Dr. Beth Tully, Principal of Trinity North Elementary, addressed the board regarding the “Blessings in a Backpack” program instituted at Trinity North. She thanked Mrs. Clutter, who has been instrumental in implementing the program.

1. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Ms. Hupp to approve the minutes of the February 7 and 21, 2013 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

February Students of the Month were recognized:

Lauren Simpson, High School
Cameron White, Middle School

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Leslie Alexas, North Franklin Township, addressed the board regarding the contract of the Director of Athletic/Activities and the elimination of general studies.

Judy Panasik, South Strabane Township, questioned reconvening the meeting on April 1 and the need for general studies. She also discussed the JROTC program.

TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

Mr. West presented the food service department report. Dr. Kasunich extended congratulations to Mr. West for being selected to participate in the Metz Culinary Management Emerging Leaders training program.

2. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$784,181.52 from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$999.48 and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$84,183.69

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Middle School, High School and Extracurricular Account (Item 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Ms. Hupp, to approve the Treasurer's Report (Item 4.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget for 2013-2014. (Item 4.5)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Blackboard Engage (EDLine) web hosting agreement for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. (Item 4.6)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens to appoint of Amwell Township as Act 511 Mercantile Tax Collector and Delinquent Mercantile Tax Collector for the District for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 at an annual cost of \$950, a 2.5% increase.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Chambers, South Strabane Township, addressed the board indicating it was his recommendation that the district not withdraw from the IU Health Insurance Consortium.

8. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Ms. Hupp for the Trinity Area School District to withdraw from the IU Health Insurance Consortium by giving written notice to the Trustee and all other member school districts of IU 1 by March 31, 2013 to be effectively withdrawn June 30, 2013.

Motion failed unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Day to contract with First Student Transportation for school bus service for the 2013-2014 school year through the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

10. Motion by Mr. Day to contract with GG & C bus company for school bus service for the 2013-2014 school year through the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

11. Motion by Mr. Day to contract with G G & C and Schweinebraten bus companies for school bus service for the 2013-2014 school year through the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

12. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Morgan to accept the resignation of Tim Tessmer as Junior Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach effective February 15, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe to approve Christopher Williams, Bethanie Kern, Donna Lee and Aaron Klem as substitute teachers and Jeanne R. Klinedinst as a substitute cafeteria employee, effective March 22, 2013; Jennifer Morris as a substitute nurse effective March 5, 2013; and Dana Kern as a substitute student monitor effective February 28, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clemens to approve a Family Medical Leave for employee L.O. effective approximately March 12, 2013, not to exceed twelve weeks.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Interval, to furlough Sarah Paterra, French teacher, effective the 2013-2014 school year due to the elimination of the French program

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 4 ayes (Clutter, Day, Hupp, Interval); 4 nays (Morgan, Salvatori, Caleffe, Clemens)

16. Motion by Mrs. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve to employ the following coaches effective March 4, 2013, for one year contracts:

- Mickey Koroly - Head JV Baseball Coach at the maximum salary of \$4,590.00
- John Digon - Assistant JV Baseball Coach (change of status) at the maximum salary of \$4,080.00
- Ron Herrnberger - 9th grade Head Baseball Coach at the fifth year step of \$3,060.00
- George Walz as the 9th grade Assistant Baseball Coach at the maximum salary of \$4,080.00

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Ms. Hupp, seconded by Mr. Day to approve Ben Minor and Mark Vlanich as volunteer (non-compensated positions) assistant Lacrosse coaches, splitting time in the role, pending receipt of clearances.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mrs. Morgan seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the contract between Trinity Area Support Professionals (Custodial/Maintenance Unit) and the district.

Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to table the approval of the contract with the Custodial/Maintenance Unit.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Interval, Morgan, Salvatori, Caleffe, Clemens, Clutter); 2 nays (Day, Hupp)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

19. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, to approve the 2013-2014 school calendar.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Sandra Clutter, Chairperson

20. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the purchase of Jamblocks for the elementary classrooms at an approximate cost of \$12,000, with installation to be completed during the summer of 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mrs. Morgan to approve the purchase of door knobs and locks at the middle school at an approximate cost of \$27,536.68, with installation to be completed the summer of 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the replacement of the electronic message board at the middle school at a cost of \$21,235.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Morgan)

23. Motion by Mrs. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the purchase and installation of five economizers for the elementary office areas at an approximate cost of \$6,700.00

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson

24. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve the addition of the Trinity Girls Lacrosse Club to the list of Approved Groups as per Administrative Regulation 707-4.

Motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of revised Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities was presented for review. The second reading will be presented at the April 4, 2013 meeting for adoption, with the policy to be effective July 1, 2013.

**WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – Penny Caleffe,
Representative/Tamara Salvatori, Alternate**

No report.

**NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Sandra Clutter, Jenene
Hupp, Scott Day & Henry Clemens, Representatives**

No report

CITIZENS LIBRARY

25. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Interval to appoint Mr. Gist Wylie as the district's representative to the Citizens Library Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

It was noted that a meeting with area legislators is scheduled for April 11 at Canon McMillan.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Day announced that the board met in executive session at 5:00 p.m., March 21, 2013 for personnel and litigation purposes.

It was noted that the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on March 27 will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Day announced that the voting meeting would reconvene on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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

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