

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Minutes of the Voting Meeting

April 17, 2014

High School Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Jennifer Morgan followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Penny Caleffe, Henry Clemens, Thomas Durbin, Frances Eates, Joseph LaBella, Kerrin McIlvaine, Jennifer Morgan and Edmund B. Trapuzzano

Others present: Michael P. Lucas, Assistant Superintendent; David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Kelly Stepp, Solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Absent: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lucas reported on the following items currently under review:

Departments preliminary budgets; possible Vo-Ag program; meeting with Judge Michael Lucas; staffing and enrollment for 2014-2015; Pittsburgh Business Times School Rankings; Professional Development plans for 2014-2015; PVAAS; and fundraiser at the Middle School. (Item 1.5)

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve the minutes of the March 6 and 20, 2014 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

High School student Catherine Cook and Middle School student Ben Phillis, were recongnized as March Students of the Month.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION

The Finance Committee will report at the next meeting.

2. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to approve the Treasurer's Report for February, 2014. (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,493,441.03 and from the Extracurricular Account in the amount of \$1,026.68 (Items 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Durbin to approve transportation contracts between the district and GG & C Bus Company and Schweinebraten Bus Company.

Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to table the approval of transportation contracts between the district and GG & C Bus Company and Schweinebraten Bus Company.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (Clemens)

5. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Trinity Area's participation in the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve a contract with Edline, LLC for web hosting services from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a cost of \$13,716. (An estimated e-rate discount, based on last year's discount, would reduce the net cost of web hosting services to \$7,591.81)
Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve an agreement with Washington Health Systems for physician services as per attachment (Item 4.7)
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (McIlvaine)

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

Mr. Bobby Jones, Director of Athletics/Activities, presented the spring sports report. He also noted that Sierra Kotchman has been selected to play on the District 5 All-Section girls basketball team. (Item 5.1)

8. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to create a 260 Day Secretarial Position for the purpose of District Enrollment and PIMS data entry (Item 5.2)
Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe to employ Marching Band Staff effective the 2014-2015 school year, and to include Band Camp.

Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to table the employment of March Band Staff effective the 2014-2015 school year, and to include Band Camp.
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (McIlvaine, Trapuzzano, Caleffe, Clemens, Durbin, Eates, LaBella); 1 nay (Morgan)

10. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the resignations for retirement purposes, of Susan M. Zimmerman, clerical aide, and Craig Bihler, custodian, effective June 18, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve Cassidy Schem and Carolyn Dzurko as substitute teachers, effective April 18, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve the following employee requests for leaves of absence:
Family Medical Leaves for J.C., effective March 19, 2014, not to exceed twelve weeks; for L.B. effective approximately May 2, 2014, not to exceed twelve weeks; A.R. effective approximately April 27, 2014 not to exceed twelve weeks; intermittent FMLA for J.E. effective March 6, 2014 not to exceed one year; and unpaid medical disability leave for J.B. effective March 11, 2014 not to exceed six months.
Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the agreement with Girls' Lacrosse to become a school sponsored sport, as per attached agreement (Items 5.7)
Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION

Mrs. Morgan read the minutes of the April 7 Education Committee Meeting (Item 6.1)

14. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, for the attached articulation agreement between Trinity Area School District and Pittsburgh Technical Institute for Trinity Area School District students to participate in PTI's Oil and Gas Introductory Course. (Item 6.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens for Trinity teachers and administrators to provide a support program at Trinity High School to help students transition back to a regular school setting, effective the 2014-2015 school year. Trinity Area will no longer use the IU 1 Alternative Education program)

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

POLICY

16. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the adoption of Policy 304.1 – Nepotism, as attached (Item 8.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve the Math Acceleration Tracks as per policy 215.1 – Subject Acceleration, as attached (Item 8.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – Penny Caleffe, Representative/Joseph LaBella, Alternate Representative

Mrs. Eates and Mrs. McIlvaine indicated that they had attended an Energy Forum sponsored by Senator Solobay and Representative Newman; both were impressed by the programs offered.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Henry Clemens and Frances Eates, Representatives

Mrs. Eates reported that bids had been opened for the hiking trail being built. Completion is expected in mid July/early August.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Gist Wylie, Representative

Diane Ambrose, Director of Citizens Library, will report at the May 1 meeting.

PSBA LIAISON – Tom Durbin

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. for personnel and litigation purposes.

1. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

David G. Roussos, Secretary
Trinity Area School District Board of Education