

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Voting Meeting  
February 20, 2014  
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President, Jennifer Morgan followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

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

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

1. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. LaBella to approve the revised 2013-2014 school calendar.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Lucas reported to the board on revisions to the Assessment Schedule, Policy 804 regarding school cancellations due to 0° weather, principals correspondence to parents, kindergarten age requirements, special education enrollments, high school articulation agreements, the possibility of servicing students in-house rather than purchasing slots at Clark Alternative school, the draft 2014-2015 school calendar, changing how visitors access Central Office, and the possibility of shared in-service days with Canon-McMillan.

2. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve the minutes of the January 9 and 23, 2014 meetings.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

High school student, Tyler Windsheimer and middle school student, Kiersten Walther, were recognized as Students of the Month for January.

PMEA District Orchestra Festival participants Marlee DeBolt, Anthony D'Orazio, Alexis Hornickel, and Liam Skiffington, were congratulated.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Sandra Clutter, Canton Township, addressed the board regarding the superintendent.

Judy Panasik, South Strabane Township, expressed concerns regarding the Citizens Library board.

#### **FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. West presented the Food Service Report.

Mrs. McIlvaine reported on the Finance Committee meeting held February 12.

3. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$818,150.77; from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$410.03; and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$140 (Item 4.2)  
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Durbin to approve the settlement agreement between Trinity Area School District and E.D.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS**

- 5. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve Wendy Banco as a substitute teacher and Paulette Martin and Margaret Wittnebert as substitute custodians, effective February 21, 2014.(Item 5.1)  
Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr.Clemens, to approve the Article of Agreement between California University and the District for Athletic Trainer Internships, as attached.(Item 5.2)  
Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Ms. Hupp to approve Frank Cecchine as a maintenance employee, effective February 10, 2014, at a rate of \$19.95 per hour. (Item 5.3)  
On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (LaBella, Morgan,Trapuzzano, Caleffe, Clemens, Durbin, Eates, Hupp); 1 nay (McIlvaine)

- 8. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to employ the services of Alan T. Schuckrow, Esquire, and the firm of Strassburger, McKenna, Gutnick, and Gefsky, Attorneys at Law, as special counsel for Trinity Area School District for personnel purposes, and pursuant to the proposal of February 12, 2014.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**EDUCATION**

Mrs. Morgan reported on the Education Committee meeting held February 10. She also indicated that the district would no longer fund or require A.P. students to take A.P. tests, that Arena Scheduling will not be used to develop student schedules for the 2014-2015 school year, and that two academic tracks will remain in place for the 2014-2015 school year in English, science, and social studies.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

No report.

**POLICY**

The JROTC Booster Club was not added to Administrative Regulation 707-4 as an approved group for lack of a motion.

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

No report

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

- 9. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the Joint Stipulation Agreement regarding the tax appeal of the North Franklin Recreation Business Improvement Authority, as attached.(Item 10.1)  
Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS LIBRARY – Gist Wylie, Representative**

No report

**PSBA LIAISON – Tom Durbin**

No report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive sessions were held at 6:00 p.m. February 20, February 7, at 9:30 a.m., February 10 at 6:30 p.m. and February 12 at 4:30 p.m. for personnel purposes.

10. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

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