

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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 (participated via phone beginning at 6:51 p.m.)

Others present: Michael P. Lucas, Assistant Superintendent, Dennis Makel, Solicitor, and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Absent: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent, Jenene Hupp, and David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lucas presented his report for March, 2014, which included principals' correspondence, the March Food Service Report, and information on the band and PMEA Festival. He also discussed middle school courses, the 2014-15 high school program of studies, the date of graduation, and Read Across America day, as well as a meeting held on the ALiCE program. He noted the district had been contacted by alumnus Robin Winston, who would like to make a donation to Trinity. He shared a newspaper article which highlighted third grade students' letters which appeared in the Observer Reporter. (Item 1.5)

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the minutes of the February 6 and 20, 2014 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Month for February were recognized:

Sydney Dydiw, high school

Kyle Steel, middle school

Dr. Lucas congratulated students Zachary Harris, Kyle Koslowski, and Michael Hilzendeger for their participation in KDKA's Hometown High Q program. Alternates were Matthew Gabriel, Stephen Aber, and Benjamin Hill.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. McIlvaine noted that the Finance Committee Report from the March 5 meeting will be revised and shared at the April 3 planning meeting.

2. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December, 2013 and January, 2014. (Item 4.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$783,103.70; from the Extra Curricular Account in the amount of \$240.62, and from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$1,929.25 (Items 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2014-2015 General Operational Budget.(Item 4.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to approve the agreement between TASD and Sentinal Security and Investigations to provide security guard services as needed at a rate of \$15.75 per hour per guard July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.(Item 4.5)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the Five Star Sports Calendar Agreement for 2014-2015 as attached. (Item 4.6)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the preventive maintenance service agreements for 2014-2015 with Tri State Fitness Services for the Middle School and High School, as attached.

Motion carried unanimously. (Item 4.7)

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

Mr. Bobby Jones, Director of Athletics/Activities, gave the winter sports report. (Item 5.1)

8. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the following employee requests for Family Medical Leaves, not to exceed 12 weeks: W.P. effective March 20, 2014; M.B. effective approximately April 6, 2014; and E.F. effective approximately May 10, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the revised separation agreement between the district and the former Head Girls Volleyball Coach.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (LaBella)

10. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the revisions to the contract between Richard Horner as School Police Officer and Trinity Area School District. (Item 5.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION

11. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mrs. Eates, to table the agreement between Trinity Area and PTI for students to participate in the Oil and Gas Introductory course.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar, as attached. (Item 6.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the High School Program of Studies for 2014-2015, as attached. (Item 6.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to no longer require or fund A.P. testing for students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. Students/families will be responsible for the cost of the A.P. tests. Test fees will be refunded by the district when evidence is provided that a score of 4 or 5 was earned. Proper procedures will need to be followed for reimbursement.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

POLICY

Mrs. Eates noted that PSBA’s proposed revisions to the policy manual were being reviewed.

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

Mrs. Eates indicated that North Franklin had opened bids for a walking trail with plans to break ground in the spring.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Gist Wylie, Representative

No report

PSBA LIAISON – Tom Durbin

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive sessions were held Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. for litigation purposes and March 20 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel purposes.

15. Motion by Mr. Clemens, , seconded by Mr. LaBella to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

