

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting
May 28, 2014
High School Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 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, Frank Golsky, 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; Alan Shuckrow, Esq., Special Counsel, and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the Severance and Release Agreement between Dr. Paul T. Kasunich and the Trinity Area School District. (NOTE: The Agreement provides for Dr. Kasunich's resignation effective July 1, 2014 as well as payment of severance and a release of claims.)

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Prior to the vote, Mrs. Morgan read the following statement: After Dr. Kasunich's suspension in February the Board of School Directors sought counsel to assist us in charting a future course for the District and Dr. Kasunich. Tonight, the Board is voting on the culmination of that process. The agreement we are voting on, which has already been approved by Dr. Kasunich, provides for Dr. Kasunich's resignation from his position as Superintendent effective July 1, 2014, more than three years before the end of his five year contract. The agreement provides for payment to Dr. Kasunich of one year's severance pay and benefits. This severance amount is in line with what is provided for in the Pennsylvania Public School Code. This result enables both Dr. Kasunich and the District to move forward. We acknowledge Dr. Kasunich's service to this District. We are looking forward to a bright future for this District and community.

Mrs. Morgan also announced that due to the vacancy in the Superintendent's office it is the will of the board to vote Dr. Michael Lucas as Trinity Area School District Superintendent at the June 5 meeting. She indicated that the board feels he is an outstanding leader and representative of the district.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive session was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. for personnel and litigation purposes.

1. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

David G. Roussos, Secretary
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