

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
August 21, 2014
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 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 (participated via telephone), Jennifer Morgan and Edmund B. Trapuzzano

Others present: Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent; Barbara Graham and Rachel Lozosky, solicitors, and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Absent: David G. Roussos, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan thanked Dr. Lucas for a great Opening Session and thanked the board members who attended.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lucas presented his report for July and August (attached).

MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to approve the minutes of the June 5 and 19, 2014 meetings of the Board (Item 1.6)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to schedule Trinity Area School District Kennywood Day for Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No residents addressed the board.

FINANCE/TRANSPORTATION

3. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,038,465.23, from the Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$10,842.68, and from the Extracurricular Account in the amount of \$200.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to approve a 2.5% salary increase for Per Capita Tax Collectors for 2014-2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, to bring back to the table the agreement with North Franklin Township for the lease of a police vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the Police Car Lease Agreement between the District and North Franklin Township, as attached. (Item 3.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Trapuzzano, to accept the proposal for real estate appraisal services with Hayden Appraisal as per attachment (Item 3.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS

8. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mr. Golsky, to eliminate the 9th Grade Football program immediately.
Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 nay (Eates)

9. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to approve the employment of Angela Seaman as an Accommodations Facilitator effective August 22, 2014 for a specific student, during the 2014-2015 student instructional year and on such additional days during the year as the Superintendent determines that her participation in inservice trainings or meetings with teachers is necessary, at a daily rate of \$175.00 and with single coverage health insurance but no other benefits, in accordance with mutually acceptable service contract to be drafted by the Solicitor and approved by the Superintendent.
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to approve the Memorandums of Understanding between the district and the Custodial/Maintenance unit.
Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. LaBella, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Trinity Area Education Association regarding the Cyber Solutions Initiative offered by Intermediate Unit 1, as attached.
Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mrs. Caleffe, seconded by Mr. Durbin, to accept the resignations of: Haden Lee Watson, elementary physical education teacher, effective August 4, 2014; Sam Guarino, high school business education teacher, effective August 6, 2014; Travis Buri as 7th and 8th grade Head Swim Coach; Kristen Zelenka, 7th & 8th grade Middle School Assistant Girls Softball Coach; Rebecca MacTaggart, Special Service Aide (to remain on the list of substitute Special Service Aides).
Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. Trapuzzano, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the letter of resignation from Matthew Stultz, effective August 13, 2014, and to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the School District, the Trinity Area Education Association, and Mr. Stultz.
Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to employ Brenda Kovacicek as 7th and 8th grade Head Swim Coach at the 8th step salary of \$3,714 for a one year agreement; Janel Catherman as Varsity Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach at the base step salary of \$1,592 for a one year agreement; Cassidy Schem as Head Girls Lacross Coach at the base step salary of \$3,184 for a one year agreement; Matthew Kopp, Volunteer (non-compensated) Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, all to be effective the 2014-2015 year; Monica Weichel and Carrie Schuerholz as Special Service Aides, effective August 22, 2014; Matthew White, Business Technology Teacher, at the first step Bachelor's salary of \$50,817 effective August 22, 2014; and John Turek as Co-Band Director at \$3,820.20 equal to 60% of the 7th step effective August 22, 2014 and Gordon Lowry as Co-Band Director at \$2,546.80 equal to 40% of the 7th step effective August 22, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Mr. Durbin, seconded by Mrs. Caleffe, to correct the step and salary of Jessica White, Auxiliary Band Coordinator, to step 10 at a salary of \$4,245.
Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

POLICY

16. Motion by Mr. LaBella, seconded by Mr. Golsky, to waive the first reading and adopt newpolicy 810.2 – Audio and Video Recordings on District Provided Vehicles. (Item 7.1)
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding policy 804-School Day, specifically the requirement for the cancellation of school due to 0° weather. Revised policy suggestions will be added to the September agenda.

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

Mr. LaBella noted that Trinity has the largest number of students attending WACTC.

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

Mrs. Eates reported the architects were concerned with the lack of fencing around along the hiking trail and around the pond, but the trail is still scheduled for completion inSeptember.

PSBA LIAISON – Tom Durbin

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Morgan announced that executive session was held August 21, 2014 for personnel purposes.

17. Motion by Mrs. Eates, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

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