

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Voting Meeting  
February 17, 2011  
Trinity High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President, Scott Day, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Henry Clemens, Sandra Clutter (participated via telephone), Scott Day, Ronald Harton, Colleen Interval, John Keisling, James Knapp, Dennis McWreath and Tamara Salvatori

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent; Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor; and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

1. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the minutes of the January 6 and January 20, 2011 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Mrs. Weaver recognized the following Students of the Month for December: Joseph McCune – High School and Kyle Kozlowski - Middle School, as well as Olivia Gray - Middle School Student of the Month for January.

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Kerri McIlvaine, South Strabane Township, commented on items on the agenda dealing with the independent audit report being presented, as well as the hiring of a football coach. She also addressed the Board regarding public participation in the January 20 meeting.
- Michael Sherrieb, South Strabane Township, spoke in support of retaining Mr. Dalton as Head Varsity Football Coach.
- Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, addressed the board regarding audits, contracted services, programs and other issues recently authorized by the Board.
- Wendy Briant, Canton Township, commented on the proposed hiring of a football coach as well as the curriculum.
- Christopher Piatt, South Strabane Township, noted behavior by board members.
- Ed Martin, Canton Township, spoke in support of retaining Ed Dalton as Head Football Coach as well as actions taken by the board which affect student athletes; he also remarked on attorneys' fees incurred by the District.
- Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, spoke in support of Mr. Dalton as well as how tax dollars are being used.

- Robert DeFillippo, North Franklin Township, commented on the “culture” in the district and noted that he was not permitted to speak at the meeting in January.
- Alice Murphy, South Strabane Township, discussed the interview process used to hire a new football coach and encouraged the board to utilize a parent advisory committee.
- Jordon Aloia, North Franklin Township, shared an article from the Post Gazette commending Ed Dalton.
- Debra Dye, Amwell Township, addressed the board regarding a transportation issue.
- Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township, urged the board to lead by example in order to become a high performing school district.

2. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to adjourn to an executive session at 7:26 p.m., for personnel purposes

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Knapp, Salvatori, Clemens, Day, Harton, Interval); 3 nays: McWreath, Clutter, Keisling

The public meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson**

3. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Treasurer’s Report for December, 2010 (Enclosure 4.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$461,615.84 (Enclosure 4.2)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling, Knapp); 3 nays (McWreath, Salvatori, Clemens)

5. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve payment of cafeteria bills as submitted (Enclosure 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts, Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted (Enclosure 4.4)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Salvatori, Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling, Knapp)

2 nays (Clemens, McWreath)

The following items were tabled:

- \*4.5 Approval is recommended for the Trinity Area School District to withdraw from the Intermediate Unit 1 Health Insurance Consortium Trust by giving written notice to the Trustee and all other member school districts of IU 1 by March 31, 2011 to be effectively withdrawn June 30, 2011
- \*4.6 Approval is recommended for the Trinity Area School District to enter into the agreement with the Caputo Insurance Agency for its proposed Self-Insured Plan, which is compliant with our Collective Bargaining Agreements, for an effective date of July 1, 2011, and all necessary agreements for each component of the Self-Insured Plan

7. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve to expand the breakfast program at the middle and high schools to include “grab and go” items. Cost for equipment (racks, insulated bags, carts) not to exceed \$2800.

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Knapp to table the expansion of the breakfast program at the middle and high schools to include “grab and go” items

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Clemens, Keisling, Knapp); 6 nays (Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, McWreath, Salvatori)

On a roll call vote, the original motion carried: 7 ayes (Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, McWreath, Salvatori, Clemens); 2 nays (Keisling, Knapp)

8. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2010 as prepared by Cypher and Cypher, CPA’s

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 7 ayes (Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling, Knapp, Salvatori, Clutter) 2 nays (McWreath, Clemens)

Tom Breth, Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, L.L.P. presented an Independent Audit Report dealing with the Athletic Department.

#### **PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson**

9. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve the following:
- The resignation of Robert Perri as Computer Technician, effective January 31, 2011
  - The resignation of Amber Muschick as JV Girls Assistant Softball Coach, effective January 5, 2011
  - The following contracted services for the 2011 Spring Musical:
    - Choreographer –Jill Keefer
    - Costumer – Janet Marietta

- Rehearsal Pianist/Pit Musician - Dennis Taylor
  - Renewal of the contract with Nova Care for Athletic Training services as submitted
  - A Family Medical Leave for employee D.K. effective November 21, 2010, not to exceed twelve weeks
  - The contract with Big Smiles for student dental screenings at \$10 per student for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year and 2011-12.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve Ed Dalton as Head Varsity Football Coach and Weightlifting Coach for the 2011 school year, subject to the specific conditions that all outstanding issues must be resolved by March 3, 2011 to the Trinity Area School District Board of Education's satisfaction.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Keisling, Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori, Clemens, Harton); 3 nays (Interval, Clutter, Day)

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson**

Dr. Kasunich gave an update on course offerings for the 2011-2012 school year as indicated in Enclosure 6.1.

Mrs. Salvatori did not participate in the following motions:

#### **TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson**

11. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Keisling, to approve a parent provided student transportation contract with Rebecca Deems at \$40 per day, effective October 26, 2010  
Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to table the following items:

7.2 Approval is recommended for the WACTC Resolution and Right of Way Agreement with Allegheny Power as submitted

7.3 Approval is recommended for the maintenance agreement with Tri-State Fitness as submitted  
Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve submission of PDE-3074 form for lighting upgrade to the middle school and elementary schools as submitted (Enclosure 7.4)  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson**

14. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the second reading of revised policy 903-Public Participation in Board Meetings.

Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to table the approval of revised policy 903.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 1 aye (Keisling); 7 nays (Knapp, McWreath, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval)

On a roll call vote, the original motion carried, with revisions made to the proposed policy: 8 ayes (Knapp, McWreath, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling)

**WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative**

No Report.

**NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day and Colleen Interval, Representatives**

No Report.

**CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative**

Mr. McWreath reported that the Library had adopted their budget and is operating with a deficit. He encouraged everyone to support them.

**PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative**

No Report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Day reported the following:

Executive sessions were held this evening, February 17, as well as Tuesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 9, 2011 for personnel purposes.

The following meetings are scheduled:

- Transportation, Building & Grounds Committee – February 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (Board Room – Trinity Hall)
- Education Committee – February 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Board of Education Planning Meeting– March 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.(High School Auditorium)
- Finance Committee – March 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)
- Policy Committee – March 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (Board Room, Trinity Hall)

15. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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James R. Shargots, Secretary  
Trinity Area School District Board of Education