

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 10, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.
High School Cafeteria

Committee members: Scott Day, Chairman; Dennis McWreath; Colleen Interval

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Scott Day, Chairman

Committee members present: Scott Day, Colleen Interval and Dennis McWreath

Board members present: Sandra S. Clutter, Ronald Harton, John C. Keisling and Tamara Salvatori

Also present: Paul Kasunich, Superintendent and James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary

The following community members commented on the donation to Citizens Library: Joe Costello, North Franklin Township; Nick Dolsik, North Franklin Township; Diane Ambrose, Director of Citizens Library.

Ken Bonnell, Canton Township, commented on outstanding delinquent taxes.

Jane Ann Songer, South Strabane Township, discussed the possibility of pay freezes.

Tom Bodnovich, Canton Township, noted that test scores need to improve.

Donna Fish, President of the TASAESP, discussed proposed budget cuts and discussed the possible elimination of the health insurance opt-out incentive.

Bea Beabout, Amwell Township, discussed proposed cuts to the budget.

Rebecca Booher, commented on the possible movement of fifth grade to the middle school and eighth to the high school.

Judy Panasic, South Strabane Township, noted that the board must make tough decisions; she also commented on AP testing.

Chris Chambers, South Strabane Township, discussed the opt-out insurance incentive.

Paul Wolf, North Franklin Township, suggested that a tax increase is needed.

Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, expressed concern regarding the Board's responsibility to educate students over the tax payers.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, noted that education should be the Board's first priority.

Mr. Shargots discussed delinquent tax totals as well as the Extra Curricular account status.

It was the consensus of the committee that payment to JB Mechanical and the retirement incentive for teachers should be added to the May 26, 2011 agenda for action.

Mrs. Bazant-Pleil, Director of Food Service, gave a presentation on food service operations.

Discussion was held regarding the opt-out medical insurance incentive as well as the PSERS Retirement contribution amount for next year (8.65%) as well as an increase in the proposed amount for Pay to Play from \$50 to \$100; the full day Kindergarten program, the possibility of reducing the number of nurses in the elementary schools, the cost of AP testing, reducing the number of paid coaching positions, and Food Service operations. It was the recommendation of the committee to include a donation to Citizens Library in the budget.

Mr. Keisling suggested reviewing the number of administrators, foreign language teachers and guidance counselors in the district.

Mr. Day adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.