

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Voting Meeting  
June 29, 2011  
*(continuation of the June 23, 2011 voting meeting)*  
High School Auditorium

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

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

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. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to add items 2.2 – payment of General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bills, 3.2 – termination of contracts, 3.3-termination of assistant coaching positions, and 4.1 – cancellation of the July 7 planning meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to add the agreement with Seneca Valley School District for cyber services to the agenda for discussion.

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

Mr. Makel announced that public comment would be taken on items 3.2 – the termination of contracts, and 3.3 – the termination of assistant coaching positions, only as these items were not previously on the agenda.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Linda Winkelvoss, Amwell Township, commented on the elimination of assistant coaching positions.

Ed Dalton, North Franklin Township, commented on the elimination of staff.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, commented on the elimination of positions.

Gordon Lowry, Canton Township, discussed staffing, class size and declining enrollment.

Diane Ecker, South Strabane Township, commented on the proposal by teachers and the necessity for the administration, community and teachers to work together to find a solution to budget constraints.

Maria Piatt, South Strabane Township, commented on the elimination of teaching positions.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson**

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to bring the adoption of the General Fund Budget back to the table.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Knapp to adopt the General Fund Budget of \$44,354,254 for the 2011-2012 school year and the Homestead Exclusion Resolution, as submitted.

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

5. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mrs. Interval to bring employee suspensions back to the table.

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 8 ayes (Clemens, Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling, Knapp, McWreath); 1 nay (Salvatori)

6. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. McWreath to authorize the suspension of six professional employees and 5 nonprofessional employees based upon a 13% student enrollment decrease over a 10 year period, having found that the district's enrollment declined from 3837 in 2001 school year to 3334 students in 2010-2011 school year and directing the Superintendent to provide the appropriate notice and documentation to the Pennsylvania Department of Education forthwith.

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

7. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. McWreath to authorized the termination of the following contracts: School Police Officer, Coordinator of Transportation and Coordinator of Student Data/Public Relations

Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mr. McWreath to vote on the termination of the contracts separately.

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 4 ayes (Knapp, McWreath, Salvatori, Clemens); 5 nays (Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling)

On a roll call vote, the original motion to authorize the termination of contracts for the School Police Officer, Coordinator of Transportation and Coordinator or Student Data/Public Relations carried: 6 ayes (Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling, McWreath, Clutter); 3 nays (Knapp, Salvatori, Clemens)

8. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Keisling to authorize the termination of 9 assistant coaching positions for the following sports: 1 – baseball; 1 – boys basketball; 1 – girls basketball; 2 – football; 1 – softball; 1 – winter track; 1 – spring track and 1 wrestling.

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

9. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to bring the evaluation of Act 93 employees back to the table.

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

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to rescind the approval of the contract with Seneca Valley SD for cyber school services

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

11. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Day to bring back the approval of the insurance policies to the table.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion to approve General Liability, Errors and Omissions, Workers Compensation and School Police Insurance.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Clutter reported that the following committee meetings are scheduled: Finance – July 7 at 4 p.m.; Policy – July 7 at 5 p.m.; Education – July 27 at 10 a.m.

13. Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. Clemens to cancel the July 7, 2011 planning meeting.

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

14. Motion by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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