

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Voting Meeting
May 26, 2011
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 and Dennis McWreath

Absent: James Knapp 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. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Day to add the following items to the agenda:

4.11 - Settlement with student B.D. in the amount of \$39,763.69; 4.12 - Settlement with C.J. in the amount of \$30,000, both of which have a \$5,000 deductible; and 4.13 - Discussion on the budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the minutes of the April 7 and 21, 2011 meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver introduced Ms. Jennifer Sylves, high school English teacher, who recognized Carl Sierzega as the High School Student of the Month for April.

The Board also recognized Lauren Stocker, a student who participated in the All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble at the 2011 PMEA All-State Festival held in Hershey in April.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Carolyn Shoup, Director of the Release Time Bible Program, addressed the Board concerning her request to distribute information to elementary students regarding the program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2011 (Item 4.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$335,995.16 and payments from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$44,203.11 (Items 4.2)

On a roll call vote, motion failed: 3 ayes (Interval, Keisling, Day); 4 nays (McWreath, Clemens, Clutter, Harton)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 6 ayes (Keisling, Clemens, Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval); 1 nay (McWreath)

7. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to accept the Intermediate Unit 1 bids as submitted (Item 4.5)

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to award life insurance coverage for the 2011-2012 school year to Gleason Financial.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve banking institutions for the 2011-2012 school year (Item 4.7)

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the agreement with School World (Item 4.8)

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to rescind the insurance opt out incentive for Trinity Area School District employees (Item 4.9)

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to table the decision to rescind the insurance opt out incentive the TASD employees. (Item 4.10)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (McWreath, Clemens, Day, Harton, Keisling); 2 nays (Clutter, Interval)

12. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve payment to J.B. Mechanical for services related to HVAC at Trinity Hall in the amount of \$64,842

Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Harton to table the approval of payment to J.B. Mechanical for services related to HVAC at Trinity Hall in the amount of \$64,842

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the financial settlement with student B.D. in the amount of \$39,763.69, with a deductible of \$5,000 (Item 4.11)

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Mr. Harton, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve the financial settlement with C.J. in the amount of \$30,000, with a deductible of \$5,000 (Item 4.12)

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, McWreath); 2 nays (Clemens, Keisling)

Discussion was held regarding the budget, which included the possible furloughing of teachers, full day versus half day kindergarten, middle school sports, the elimination of transportation for middle school sports, the reinstatement of the donation to Citizens Library, a pay to play fee for sports and band participation. Also discussed was the possible elimination of paid coaching positions and reviewing staffing. Mr. McWreath encouraged the board members to attend the next Finance Committee meeting when possible cuts to the budget would be discussed.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

15. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to name Colleen Interval as the Board Treasurer for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the request of employee D.O. to purchase service from PSERS

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (Interval)

17. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to add the offer of an early retirement incentive to current teaching staff to the agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Keisling to authorize an early retirement incentive to current teaching staff for the 2010-2011 school year. The offer of the incentive will cease April 25, 2011 and does not set any precedent for any future action. (Item 5.3a)

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens, to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of the following teachers at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, subject to the conditions and terms of the early retirement incentive as indicated: Joyce Lewis, Susan Bender, Dara Lemmon, Marcia Montgomery, Elaine Mahland, Mary Podany, Sandra Welsh and Marta Bugaile (Item 5.3b)

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Harton to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Bonnie Patress, cafeteria employee, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year (Item 5.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve Chelsey Smith as a substitute teacher effective May 27, 2011 (Item 5.5)

Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve a medical leave for employee L.C. effective May 23, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year (Item 5.6)

Motion carried unanimously.

23. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to employ Pedro Angel Sanvicente as the Middle School Girls Head Soccer Coach effective the 2011-2012 season.

Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Keisling to amend the motion to employ Pedro Angel Sanvicente as the Middle School Girls Head Soccer Coach effective the 2011-2012 season, at the fifth step salary of \$3,000, subject to the approval of the continuation of middle school sports (Item 5.7)

Motion carried unanimously.

24. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Clemens to accept the employment of Shawn E. Gray as JV Assistant Softball Coach effective the first day of softball season, at the first year salary of \$1,500

Motion by Mrs. Interval, seconded by Mr. McWreath to table the employment of Shawn E. Gray as JV Assistant Softball Coach effective the first day of softball season, at the first year salary of \$1,500

Motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve the agreement with Five Star Sports Calendar (Item 5.9)

Motion carried unanimously.

26. Motion by Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the contract with Tri State Fitness

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Dennis McWreath, Chairperson

- 27. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve the adoption textbooks for the 2011-12 school year as submitted (Item 6.1)

Motion carried unanimously.

- 28. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve administering the CSI portion of the Terra Nova to second graders beginning the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 29. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. Day to approve redistricting of identified elementary students from Trinity West to Trinity North

On a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes (Clutter, Day, Harton, Interval, Keisling); 2 nays (McWreath, Clemens)

- 30. Motion by Mr Keisling, seconded by Mr. Clemens to approve increasing physical education classes in the elementary buildings

Motion carried unanimously.

- 31. Motion by Mr Clemens, seconded by Mr. Harton to approve increasing graduation requirements to four credits in all core subjects, effective with the Class of 2013

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kasunich reported that the District has received confirmation of grants to cover the implementation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention program in the amount of approximately \$60,000.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

No Report

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 – Tina Hilk, Representative

No Report

PSBA LIAISON – Scott Day, Representative

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Clutter reported that the following committee meetings are scheduled:

- Education- June 8, 10 a.m.
- Finance -June 24, 4 p.m.
- Policy- June 14, 5 p.m.
- Transportation, Building & Grounds0 June 29, 10 a.m

She also noted that an executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. for personnel purposes.

32. Motion by Mrs. Interval seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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