

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 16, 2010
Board Room – Trinity Hall

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

Board members present: Thomas A. Bodnovich, Henry Clemens, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, Jack Keisling, James Knapp, Tamara Salvatori (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), and Dennis McWreath

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

Absent: Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Bodnovich questioned if the issue of paying bills on-line had been investigated; Dr. Kasunich indicated that a report will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Bodnovich also encouraged the district to use charge cards as he felt it was a more efficient way to do business.

Chief Rich Horner, North Franklin Police Department, addressed the Board concerning a scheduled demonstration in front of the high school by the Westboro Baptist Church in October.

1. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2010 planning/voting meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON –AGENDA ITEMS

Dorothy Tecklenburg, Amwell Township, discussed the Band Festival scheduled for this weekend. She also noted that the Trinity Area Music Department had won several state and national awards.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, addressed the Board concerning inclusion, the proposed revisions to policy 122 regarding students' participation in extra-curricular activities and her concern over the elimination of general studies.

Stacy McCullough, Canton Township, noted her concerns regarding overcrowded classrooms at Trinity West.

Mike Williamson, South Strabane Township, remarked on his attendance at a meeting regarding the Strategic Plan. He also noted concerns regarding the proposed policy regarding students' participation in extra-curricular activities.

Judi Panasic, South Strabane Township, indicated her support of a revision to the proposed policy regarding extra curricular activities.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2010, as submitted – enclosure 4.1

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$594,333.73 and Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$ 50,071.88 – enclosures 4.2

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (McWreath)

4. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Keisling for the payment of cafeteria bills as submitted- enclosure 4.3

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Middle School Activities Account, High School Activities Accounts (June & July, 2010), Extra Curricular Account Reports be accepted as submitted – enclosure 4.4

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Extra Curricular Account Budgetary Transfers, as submitted – enclosure 4.5

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the Leader Services Contract for IEP Writer, as submitted – enclosure 4.6

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve Amwell Township as Earned Income and Mercantile Tax and Delinquent Earned Income and Mercantile Tax Collector for the calendar year 2011 and appoint Marjorie Day as Amwell Township Local Service Tax Collector for 2011, as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

Tenure status was granted to the following teachers: High School- Susan Laayouni, Nicole Welsh; Middle School – Jaime Carson, Andrew Migyanko; Elementary – Amanda Hatcher, Karen Huff, Tamara Jeffers, Heather Watson

9. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to employ Charles Hughes, Jr. as a custodian, effective September 17, 2010, at the contractual rate of \$10.13 per hour (policy 504.1 applies).

Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

Dr. Kasunich reported on the following: Stakeholder Survey Results, the third day attendance and the results of the WPIAL survey of eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities. He noted that Mrs. Weaver had presented the 2009-2010 Standardized Test Results to the Board prior to the meeting – enclosures 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4

10. Motion by Mrs. Salvatori, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the Strategic Plan
Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

No report

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

The revised first reading of policy 008- Organization Chart was approved – enclosure 8.1

11. Motion by Mrs. Clutter, seconded by Mr. Keisling to approve the second reading of policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities, specifically athletic/extra curricular activities eligibility.

12. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to table the approval of the second reading of policy 122 - Extracurricular Activities
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay (Bodnovich)

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

Mr. Knapp reported that enrollment had increased by 4 students.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative

13. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. McWreath to authorize the solicitor to send a letter to North Franklin Township indicating the School District's opposition of the use LERTA funds to support the hiring of a Township Business Manager.
Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Bodnovich reported the following:

- An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items

- The October 7 planning meeting of the Board will be rescheduled. The meeting will be held September 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting, October 12, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. - Board Room, Trinity Hall

14. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mr. McWreath to authorize the Superintendent to contact Intermediate Unit 1 regarding the lease agreement of Laboratory School as it pertains to custodians. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bodnovich adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

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