January 2, 2018 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
- Mr. Andrew Netznik, Interim Superintendent
- Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
- Mrs. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
- Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
- Mr. Denis Quirk, Junior High House Principal
- Mrs. Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
- Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
- Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
- Mr. Matt Shirk, Technology/AV Support Specialist
- Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: The Troxel Family, The Heckman Family, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. David Kraemer, Ms. Gaby Kraemer, Ms. Amy Schlater, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Julia Voletto, and Mr. Val Lacis

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mr. Mark Brown, Principal

Students of the Month:

Mrs. Dodge – Samuel Fidler
- Tess Troxel

Ms. Schlater – Brooke Miller
- Chloe Heckman

Miss. Voletto – Gabrielle Kraemer
- Hannah Wojciechowsky

The above students were recognized before the board for their accomplishments and given a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Manbeck thanked everyone for all their hard work.

There was a moment of silence held for Mr. Carl Wolf.
I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. 2018/2019 Proposed School Calendar

   *Mr. Netznik presented the 2018/2019 proposed calendar to the board. Option 1 has the Friday before winter break as a ½ day in-service day. Option 2 has that day as a full day. The board decided to vote on option 1 at the February 20, 2018 voting session.*

   B. Three Hour Delay

   *Mr. Netznik presented the idea of a three hour delay to the board on inclement weather days to hopefully be able to use instead of closures on some days. He will send out a public survey to see what the community would like.*

   C. Homebound Students #202220 & 202147

   *Mr. Netznik informed the board that the above students are on homebound instruction.*

2. Citizen/Student Participation (Pertaining to Agenda items only)

3. Buildings and Grounds

   9.2.1 Approve the change order credit for Eastern Environmental Contractors for final reconciliation of work completed in the amount of (59,208.25).

   *Mr. Kowalonek informed the board of a credit change order for final reconciliation of work completed on the WWTP.*

4. Finance

   A. Approve the 2018/2019 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. (Vote to be taken twice)

   *The above item was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/20/2018 board meeting.*

5. Personnel

   A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

   *The motion below was voted on as stated*

   9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the resignation of Brian Booher, Interim JSHS Principal, effective 02/02/2018.
AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

9.4.1 Give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

#221 Dress & Grooming

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/20/2018 board meeting.

8. Curriculum

9. Items for Board Action

A. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2018 with the negotiation committee being tabled to a later date.

B. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2018.

C. Be it resolved that the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby honors Mr. Carl Wolf, who passed away February 2, 2018, for his 21 years of service as both an administrator and teacher. And further, that this Resolution shall become a permanent part of the minutes of the Tulpehocken Area School District.

The above motions were voted on as stated below.

A. A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2018 with the negotiation committee being tabled to a later date.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.
B. A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to approve the listed Board representatives for 2018.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

C. A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve that the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby honors Mr. Carl Wolf, who passed away February 2, 2018, for his 21 years of service as both an administrator and teacher. And further, that this Resolution shall become a permanent part of the minutes of the Tulpehocken Area School District.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

10. Technology

11. Transportation

A. Transportation Contract Discussion

Mr. Kowalonek presented the considered changes to the BCIU transportation contract to the board. They are fine with the changes. The BCIU transportation contract will be up for approval at the 02/20/2018 board meeting.

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Triest reported that they have been busy with snow removal and getting ready for the spring sports season.

Mrs. Kiss reported that the Special Ed Comprehensive Plan committee is meeting to start working on the plan. The plan will be up for public display and approval in March
Mr. Shirk reported the new employee is doing great.

Mrs. Linderman reported they are having a 100th day of school spirit day celebration. They will be participating in the winter games. The Bernville Planning committee is meeting to start planning the Bernville fair. They are hoping to hold the fair on 08/04/2018. They held their positive behavior incentive. Mr. Greg Ritchie is going to be a guest speaker next week on the Alaskan Hwy Project.

Mr. Brown reported that they are having a 100th day of school spirit day celebration as well. They had t-shirts made. The Bethel clubs are meeting with winter after school activities. There are 60 kids staying after school for these clubs. The Readers Win Campaign raised $1,604 dollars. They held a ESL family resources meeting. 15 people attended.

Mr. Quirk reported that it has been challenging at the JSHS with the loss of two students and a staff member. There will be Valentine’s Day dance this Friday. The Winter Olympics will start off this week.

Mr. Leister reported that the FFA Breakfast is this month. All are invited to attend. We are getting ready for spring sports to start. Ms. Steph Younker placed 1st in the Holstein Convention.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

Mr. Rodig made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Klopp.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

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Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary