April 2, 2019 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:01 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, April 02, 2019 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, 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:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
- Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
- Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
- Ms. Jade Sedoti, Director of Pupil Services
- Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Principal
- Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
- Mr. Justin Welker, Assistant JSHS Principal
- Mrs. Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
- Mr. Derek Stehr, Bethel Elementary Principal
- Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Operations
- Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology
- Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Erika Kindoll, Mr. David Marous, Ms. Angie Marous, Mr. Brynn Schaeffer, Mr. Adam Schaaf, Mr. Rory Manwiller, Ms. Megan Manwiller, Mr. Tyler Frederick, Mr. Tim Adam, Ms. Karen Adam, Mr. Keith Harring, Ms. Lynda Harring, Mr. Charles Haws, Ms. Marlene Haws, Mr. Clint Haws, Mr. Jim Claman, Ms. Heather Claman, Ms. Breanna Claman, The Daub Family, Ms. Susan Weidenheimer, Ms. Kerry Etchberger, Faye & Donald Daub, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Ben Ruffner, Ms. Aimee Ruffner, Ms. Renee Etchberger, Mr. Jeff Jacovidis, and, Mr. Robert Paul

Students of the Month – Junior High – Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Principal

Junior High Students of the Month:

November:
- 7th Grade
  - Emma Etchberger
  - Rebecca Unger
- 8th Grade
  - Kristen Blankenbiller
  - Romero Herbst

December:
- 7th Grade
  - Clint Haws
  - Ella Marous
- 8th Grade
  - Halle Lytle
  - Harmony Sutherly
January:

7th Grade          8th Grade
Kaylyn Harring     Lannie Beck
Angelina Zielinski Tyler Frederick

February:

7th Grade          8th Grade
Nicholas Paul -Chandia Breanna Claman
Caleb Daub         Mason Lillis

The above students were recognized before the board for their accomplishment of being student of the month.

Mr. Quirk played a “What’s so Cool” video for the board that our students made.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. Tulpehocken Wrestling Association

   The Tulpehocken Wrestling Association made a presentation to the board about what a successful year they had. They stated that they have 13 sixth graders moving up from the program to Junior High.

   B. Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast – May 15, 2019 – 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Netznik informed the board that the bus driver appreciation breakfast will be held on May 15, 2019 at 9:15 a.m.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

   A. Review of Year 1 of Operations & Facilities Five-Year Plan – Mr. Frey

   Mr. Frey and Mr. Netznik went over a plan of projects and purchases over the next year. This will be a motion on the April 16, 2019 voting session agenda.

   B. JSHS Project – Next Step – Mr. Netznik

   Mr. Netznik informed the board that he has narrowed it down to three architect firms and he will arrange for them to come in during voting session over the next three months.

4. Finance

5. Personnel
A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The following motion was voted on as stated below:

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2018-2019 School year:

Lisa Williams    Troy Kopicz    Joan Vantiggelen
Danae Fanjoy    Conner Fansler
Ariane Cooney
Darren Summy

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, 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

NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 9-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

A. Give second reading and final approval to the following policies:

#006 Meetings
#011 Principals for Governance Standards/Code of Conduct
#103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – School and Classroom Practices
#103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
#104 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – Employment Practices
#113 Special Education
#113.2 Behavior Support
#113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
#113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
#137 Home Education Programs

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the April 16, 2019 board meeting.

8. Curriculum

A. High School Course Restructuring – Mr. Quirk
Mr. Quirk presented a new course structure to the board that would make it so the students would be able to structure their courses to their future aspirations, college, BCTC, etc…

B. Update on ELA Curriculum: 9th & 10th Grade – Mrs. Cipolla

Mrs. Cipolla updated the board on the ELA curriculum and informed them that we are going to need to purchase new ELA curriculum for 9th and 10th grade, as it can no longer be updated.

C. Approval of the following curriculums:

- Academic English 12

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the April 16, 2019 board meeting.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

- Mr. Michael Leister – JSHS Assistant Principal
  
  Mr. Leister reported that 10th grade will be going on their class field trip to Washington D.C on April 26, 2019. Tractor day is on May 24, 2019. Kevin Avery is up for National Teacher of the Year.

- Mr. Denis Quirk – JSHS Principal
  
  Mr. Quirk reported that the Mini-Thon was a great success with over $14,000 being earned.

- Mr. Justin Welker – JSHS Assistant Principal
  
  Mr. Welker reported that Mr. Fake took 21 freshman to a Sherlock Holms Study. They had a great time.

- Mr. Derek Stehr – Bethel Elementary Principal
  
  Mr. Stehr reported that Kindergarten registration was successful. Sixty kids attended fun & games night. It was a great time. We are preparing for Beach Bash, which is being held on May 3, 2019.

- Mrs. Stacy Linderman – Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
  
  Ms. Linderman reported that there is a PTO meeting this Tuesday. Kindergarten registration was a great success. Dance for education is being held on April 26, 2019 their goal is to raise $10,000.

- Mr. Matthew Shirk – Supervisor of Technology
  
  Mr. Shirk reported that they are working on the Sapphire transition. The camera’s that were purchased from the grant have been installed and are working great. We held are first meeting with Sage Technologies regarding the new phone system.

- Mr. Heston Frey – Director of Operations
Mr. Frey reported that he is investigating software on facility maintenance.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

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Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary