May 05, 2015 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Scott Klopp 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: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
   Dr. Edward J. Albert, Superintendent
   Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
   Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
   Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
   Ms. Diane Lotz, JSHS Dean of Students
   Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
   Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
   Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
   Mr. Michael DeBakey, Director of Technology
   Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
   Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
   Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff:  Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. George Field, Ms. Tammy Field, Ms. Danette Seidel, Ms. Jennifer Engelbert, Ms. Michelle Schneck, Ms. Bonnie Gerhart, Ms. Diane Moorhead, Mr. Richard Klopp, Ms. Shannon Coy, Mr. Dylan Coy, Ms. Katlyn Diehl, Mr. Paul Zerbe, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Jim Stricker, Ms. Cheryl Yoder, Mr. Brian Schaffer, Mr. Tyler Stricker, Mr. Jeff Stam, and Ms. Gail Stam

Student Recognitions:

Students of the Month – Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, JH House Principal

Students of the Month:
Lauryn Yoder- January  Christina Koenig- February
Tyler Stricker- January  Dylan Coy- February

Julia Mohn- March  Alexi Kissling- April
Alexander Matias- March  Hunter Harris- April

BCTC- West – Students of the Quarter- 2nd Quarter:
Andrew Risser
Tyler Stricker
Cody Delong
BCTC – West- Students of the Quarter- 3rd Quarter:
Timothy Kramer
Tate Bouffard
James Lochman

BCTC- East – Students of the Quarter- 3rd Quarter:
Dawson Gehman

_The above students were recognized before the board. Dr. Albert congratulated them for their hard work._

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. Security – *No Report*

   B. Recognition of Employees

   **Mark Brown**
   Michelle Schneck
   Tammy Field
   Danette Seidel

   _Mr. Brown recognized the above employees before the board for going above and beyond._

   C. STEM Presentation – Jeff Beard

   _Mr. Beard showed a project to the board that was competed under STEM. The students had to build a box that they were able to use as a launch. This particular project used many facets of STEM._

   D. Green Screen Presentation – Jen Engelbert

   _Ms. Engelbert did a green screen presentation so the board could see how it worked and what they were using for the morning announcements Wake-Up Bethel._

2. Buildings and Grounds

   A. Approve Spotts, Stevens, & McCoy to move forward with the permit application for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

   B. Approve Brian Boland to request waivers from zoning requirements for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

   _The above motions were discussed and will be voted in at the 05/19/2015 board meeting._
3. **Finance**

A. Appoint Evelyn Fox as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 for a stipend of $500.

B. Appoint April Klopp as board secretary for a term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018 for a yearly stipend of $900.

C. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2015-2016 school year:

   Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
   Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
   National Penn Bank
   Wells Fargo
   PNC Bank
   US Bank

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted in at the 05/19/2015 board meeting.*

D. 2015/2016 Budget Presentation

E. **Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 school year with projected expenditures of $29,283,026 and projected revenues of $28,883,026 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of $5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of $5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.**

*Mr. Kowalonek presented the preliminary budget to the board. This motion was voted on as stated below.*

3E A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Baver, to adopt the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 school year with projected expenditures of $29,283,026 and projected revenues of $28,883,026 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of $5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of $5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.

**AYES:** Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

**NAYS:** Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

**ABSENT:** Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 6-1.

4. **Personnel**

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.
The below motion was voted on as stated below:

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve Andrew D. Netznik as the principal of the Junior/Senior High School at a salary of $103,500, pending completion of paperwork, effective upon release from his current employer

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:  

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp,

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 7-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

A. Dell Financial Services Lease Proposal

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Lotz reported that the high school schedule is complete and they are now going to finalize the junior high schedule. Testing is complete.

Mr. Leister reported that the discipline reports have been placed in front of them. They moved the field trip originally scheduled for Baltimore to Gettysburg due to the rioting in Baltimore. PSSA testing is complete.

Mr. Brown reported that PSSA testing is complete. He helped out at the More-Dale Farms field trip. The Bethel Beach Bash was a huge success.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that PSSA testing is complete. The spring concerts are soon under way.
Mr. DeBakey reported that he has been attending some professional development and has gleaned a lot from it.

Mrs. Kiss reported that the Special Olympics were huge success and it was a great day for everyone.

Mr. Triest reported the he helped out with the More-dale farms field trip. He recognized Coty who attended the board meeting to earn his merit badge for Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Davis reported that they are busy collecting data for the civil rights report and roster verification.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Palmer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Executive Session was held before and after the board meeting for personnel.

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Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary