September 04, 2012 – 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 followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.(7:01 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
  Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
  Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Instruction & Curriculum
  Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
  Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
  Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
  Mr. Donald Jones, Jr/Sr High Principal
  Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
  Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
  Mr. Rick Triest, Building & Grounds Director
  Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Daniel Steninhauer, Ms. Dianna Arndt, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

  1. Superintendent's Report
     A. Co-op – Nativity

Dr. Albert notified the board that we will not participate in a Co-op with Nativity because the timing was not right for the PIAA to approve it. We will work on getting it approved for next school year.

Dr. Albert shared with the board that he received an e-mail from a graduate of Tulpehocken thanking Tulpehocken for getting him ready for college courses and challenging the gifted students.

Dr. Albert informed the board that the busing and cafeteria are going great. We have not received any complaints.

  2. Buildings and Grounds

  3. Finance

  4. Personnel
     A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.
The below motions were voted on as stated below:

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Linda Wilcox as a substitute secretary for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year pending completion of paperwork.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 seasons:

- Deborah Fansler  Junior High Girls’ Soccer  $1,335
- Susan Schwartz  High School Asst. Softball  $1,931
- Brandon Ziegler  Junior High Wrestling  $1,600

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Gwen Wenrich as a part-time cafeteria worker at an hourly rate of $9.25 effective September 5, 2012.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Gerald Umbenhauer as a part-time courier at an hourly rate of $10.00 effective upon pending completion of paperwork.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Clifford Yeakley as a part-time custodian at an hourly rate of $10.00 effective upon pending completion of paperwork.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Nicole Mentzer as a part-time custodian at an hourly rate of $10.00 effective upon pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:  
ABSENT:  Mrs. April Klopp
ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 8-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on October 16, 2012 to the following policies.

113.2 Behavior Support Plan
113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
200 Enrollment in District
The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 09/18/2012 board agenda.

7. Curriculum

   A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on October 16, 2012 to the following curriculum.

      Modern Cookery
      Language Arts Grade K
      Language Arts Grade 1
      Language Arts Grade 2
      Language Arts Grade 3
      Language Arts Grade 4
      Language Arts Grade 5
      Language Arts Grade 6
      Language Arts Grade 7
      Language Arts Grade 7 Advanced/Honors
      Language Arts Grade 8
      Language Arts Grade 8 Advanced/Honors
      English 9
      AC English 9
      English 9 Honors
      AC English 10
      English 10 Honors
      English 10
      English 11
      AC English 11
      English 11 Honors
      English 12 Honors

   B. Hiram G. Andrews Field Trip – Lisa Kiss

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 09/18/2012 board agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Barb Davis reported that the Common Core In-Service went very well and we had several presenters. The new teacher induction went very well. They are busy planning the October in-service.

Lisa Kiss reported that there is movement within the department and we are acquiring a lot of new IEP students coming in.
Cindy Jenkins reported that it has been a great start to the year. They will be receiving their no place for hate designation and they are preparing for the race for education.

Bonnie Benfer reported that it has been a great start as well. Kathy Snyder was featured in the Reading Eagle. They will be receiving their no place for hate designation. The mobile Ag lab is coming for a visit and she invited the board to come and see it.

Mr. Corcoran reported that the technology department is doing well and off to a good start. They do miss Brian.

Mr. Jones reported that they are off to a great start. They held assemblies for all grade levels. They are holding the open house on Thursday.

Mr. Triest reported that the year is off to a great start. The bricks that were recently laid look great and he encouraged everyone to go look at it.

Mr. Leister reported that they are off to a great start as well. Junior High Orientation went well. They will be working on 4-sight testing this week. The JH open house is Thursday. He is very impressed with the use of the smart boards.

12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:08 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. regarding personnel.

Ms. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary