October 01, 2013 – 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, Mrs. April Klopp Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, (7:12 p.m.) and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of 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. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr. High Assistant Principal
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Joanne Levering, Ms. Leigh Bragg, Ms. JoAnn Stockholm, Mr. Kevin Avery, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

2013 PSAHPERD Past Presidents’ Emerging Leader Award Winner:

Kevin Avery

2013 PSAHPERD Heritage Award Winner:

Joann Stockholm

The above professional staff was recognized for their award. Dr. Albert congratulated them on their hard work and dedication.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. Security

      • Christopher L. Neidert, Chief of Police, Exeter Township Police Department
      • Edward B. Michalik, Psy.D., Administrator, Berks County MH/DD Program
Dr. Albert reported that he was able to hear the above mentioned speak and they are well known for their knowledge on school safety. We will be working with them as a school. Dr. Albert reported that we are constantly looking at how our schools can be safe. On October 28, 2013 the administrative staff will be attending ALICE training.

B. I Love You Guys

This above is a spinoff of the columbine shooting. On 11/20/2013 there will be some administrators attending full day training at the BCIU “Run, Hide, & Fight.

C. Update of Expulsion Students

The above topic was discussed in executive session.

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:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Jocelyn Stoltzfus as a long-term substitute music teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective October 3, 2013 for a minimum of 45 school days pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS: ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Dustin Shirk as a mentor teacher for the long-term substitute music teacher at the Junior/Senior High School at a stipend of $250 pro-rated to the number of days worked.

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

NAYS: ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.
9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to change the following extra-curricular position/stipend for the 2013-2014 school year:

- JSHS Choral Director – Trudi Bux - $2609 pro-rated to the number of days worked.
- JSHS Choral Director – Jocelyn Stoltzfus - $1964 pro-rated to the number of days worked.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

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 November 19, 2013 to the following policy.

302 Employment of Superintendent
309 Assignment and Transfer
310 Abolishing a Position

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 10/15/2013 voting agenda.

7. Curriculum

A. School Performance Profile – Barb Davis

Barb Davis presented the new School Performance Profile that PDE created. She gave an example of what the data will look like.

B. Approve the following planned field trips during the 2013/2014 school year:

- 8th Grade Ag Exploratory Trips (3 scheduled for this year)
- 12th Grade Senior Trip to New York City
- Physics Trip to Widener University

C. Give 2nd reading and final approval to the following curriculum.

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8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

   A. HB 618

Dr. Albert gave the board an update on HB 618.

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Triest reported that they are working on the re-lettering for the high school.
Mr. Bottiglieri reported that the discipline report is in front of them. The dress code is being addressed continually and the students have settled in and are following it. The homecoming game is on Friday evening. The administration team has been having good discussion regarding curriculum and testing.

Mr. Jones reported that picture retakes are this week. They were busy conducting interviews for the administrative assistant position.

Mr. Corcoran reported that 340 laptops have been replaced. They are looking at where the wireless holes are.

Mrs. Benfer reported that the mobile Ag lab visited last week. Spirit week is this week.

Mrs. Kiss reported that they started the elementary emotional support classroom. They added an independent living course at the JSBS. They are both doing very well.

Mrs. Jenkins reported that picture day is Friday, and they are gearing up for race for education.

Mrs. Davis reported that they are getting ready for the 10/14/2013 in-service, and they are doing prep work on the website for School Performance Profile.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

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Ms. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary