October 1, 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 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, October 1, 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, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauser, and Mr. Arlan Werst
ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Rebecca Marmas, Assistant Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Christopher Hamrick, JSHS Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
Mr. Justin Welker, Assistant JSHS Principal
Ms. Jena Damiani, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Andrew Guers, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Operations
Ms. Jillian Bergman, Food Service Director
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Guilia Hummel, Ms. Amy Schlater, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Erin Kreitzer, Ms. Ariane Cooney, Mr. Sean Cooney, Ms. Shirley Lauricella – Pawling, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Marie DeFilipps, Mr. Brendon Weaver, Ms. Shanna Rauenzahn, and Ms. Karen Devine

Call to Order ................................................................. President
Pledge of Allegiance....................................................... President
Prayer................................................................. Board Member
Roll Call ..........................................................Recording Secretary

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mr. Andrew Guers, Principal

Students of the Month:

Mrs. Dodge – Logan Eisenhower
Austyn Kreitzer
Mrs. Hummel – Meghan Bucher
Miss. Schlater – Isabella Cooney
 Marshal Wessner

The above students were recognized as students of the month. Mr. Netznik and Mr. Manbeck thanked the students and parents for all their hard work.

Weaver Poster Contest Winners

Sophia Rauenzahn 1st place
Rakya Cullins 2nd place
Lillian Pawling 3rd place

The above students won the Weaver Poster Contest. They were recognized and given a monetary prize for having their art chosen.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. Karen Devine – PSBA

Ms. Karen Devine from PSBA recognized Mr. Oscar Manbeck for 36 years of service to the Tulpehocken Area School District and Mr. Chris Heck and Mrs. April Klopp for their 8 years of service.

   B. Senior New York City Field Trip Presentation – Mike Leister

Mr. Leister presented the New York field trip to the board. This will be a motion on the 10/15/2019 board agenda.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

4. Finance

   A. Approve the commitment of the following fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620 effective June 30, 2019:

      Special Education
      Benefits
      Athletic Facility Improvements

Commitments subject to discussion at the work session and the B & G Committee meeting.
B. Transfer $295,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, effective 06/30/2019 as budgeted.

*The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 10/15/2019 voting session agenda.*

C. Update from the Finance Committee Meeting - Mr. Netznik & Mr. Kowalonek

*Mr. Netznik and Mr. Kowalonek gave the board an update from the Finance Committee meeting.*

5. **Personnel**

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

*The following motions were voted on as stated below.*

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following Employment:

A. **Support Staff:**
   
   - Approve Jodi Patricola as a Part time Math Paraprofessional at Penn Bernville Elementary effective October 4, 2019 at a rate of $11.00 per hour.

B. **Administrative Staff**
   
   - Approve Kristin Holst as the Director of Pupil Services at a salary of $100,000 prorated to the number of days worked, effective upon release from her current employer and completion of paperwork.

**AYES:** Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute classified staff/event staff for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

- Brandi Mays, Custodial
- Geraldine Wagner, Aide, Cafeteria
AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to rescind the approval of Alexis Jenofsky as Musical Director for 2019-2020 at a stipend of $1,400.00

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following motions for supplemental contracts for the following positions for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

- Larry Wildermuth as Junior High Wrestling Coach for the 2019-2020 season at a stipend of $1,600. Pending Completion of paperwork.
- Alan Bashore as Musical Technical Director for 2019-2020 at a stipend of $1,142.00.
- Rebecca Kline as Musical Scenic Artist for 2019-2020 at a stipend of $852.00.
- Jocelyn Gross as the Musical Producer for 2019-2020 at a stipend of $1,432.00

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following Volunteers for the remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year:

- Patsy Andrews
- Tracy Berkheiser
6. Programs

7. Policy

8. Curriculum

A. Approve the agreement for $2,395.20 between the B.C.I.U and the Tulpehocken Area School District to provide Title 1 services to eligible private school students within the Tulpehocken Area School District, and who are eligible for Title 1 services for the 2019/2020 school year.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 10/15/2019 board meeting.

9. Items for Board Action

9.0.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2019-07, and to ratify the execution of same by Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent of Schools.

The above motion was voted on as stated below.

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2019-07, and to ratify the execution of same by Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent of Schools.
AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

- Ms. Jena Damiani – Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
  Ms. Damiani reported that Ready, Set, Read is starting for 2nd grade via United Way. Penn – Bernville was awarded a grant from Western Berks Retired teachers for a green screen.
- Mr. Andrew Guers – Bethel Elementary Principal
  Mr. Guers reported Friday that 1st grade will have a field to the Bethel Fire Company. There is a Mt Gretna Roller Rink fund raiser through the PTO.
- Mr. Christopher Hamrick – JSHS Principal
  Mr. Hamrick reported that it is homecoming week and the SeaWitch parade is this week.
- Mr. Michael Leister – JSHS Assistant Principal
  Mr. Leister gave the board an update on vaping and the precautions and education that Tulpehocken is doing.
- Ms. Jillian Bergman – Director of Food Services
  Ms. Bergman reported that they had Fall Sports day at Penn-Bernville on 10/08/2019 and the Senior athletes are going to serve at Bethel on 10/09/2019.
- Ms. Rebecca Marmas – Assistant Director of Pupil Services
  Ms. Marmas reported that she started this week and is focusing on meeting with staff.
- Mr. Heston Frey – Director of Operations
  Mr. Frey reported that he is setting up webinar training for HIPPO.
- Mr. Matthew Shirk – Supervisor of Technology
  Mr. Shirk reported that they are working on streaming sports.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

Mr. Batz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Klopp.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:30 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. for personnel.

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Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary